To the Honorable
the Legislature of the
State of Texas.

The Petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth to your honorable body — that on the 15th day of June 1839. Your petitioner entered the naval service of the Republic of Texas as acting Sailing Master, and about the 17th June 1840 was appointed by Commodore Moore a Lieutenant — on May 12th 1841 — Your petitioner was dismissed said service — by virtue of a law of Congress — during all the time Your petitioner was in the navy, he was on active duty — & received a portion of his pay in depreciated currency on which he sustained much pecuniary loss — & ultimately Your petitioner received for the balance of pay due him, amounting to about $1980 — an obligation of the Texian Government which was not paid at the day recently for the face of said obligation — Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that Your honorable body will take his case into consideration & have an act allowing him interest on said pay from date of service to time of liquidation & pay in Cash bonds, Your petitioner will ever pray.

New York 28 Sept. 1852. John H. Baker