La Fayette Co. Arkansas
August 31st 1853.

John M. Swisher Esqr.

Dear Sir

Permit me once more to trouble you about my Claim against the late Republic of Texas. It is a Claim for services as Dist Clerk, in Criminal Cases dismissed at the Republic's Cost, and the accts has the approval of our Dist Judge & Dist Atty as well as the Certificate of the Dist Clerk now acting, the dates are annexed to each case, as also each & every item of Costs. Now please inform me whether the Auditor & Comptroller are already authorized to pay such Claims, or must they yet await further Legislation — or an appropriation by the Legislature — before I can get the money. I wish this information before going to Austin myself — to your Compliance will very much oblige

Your grateful & Obt Servt
H. Bayless Jr

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