City of Austin Decr 19th 1841

Dear Sir

I received your communication some time ago, and have delayed my answer until I could have some action upon the business you required me to attend to, after an investigation, I found your Petition and the evidences in the case, I drew up a new petition, and introduced it together with the evidences of the correctness of your claim and had it referred to the Committee on claims and Accounts, I met the Committee on the investigation of that claim and succeeded with great difficulty in obtaining a favorable report, after which there was but little difficulty in getting a Bill through both Houses with an appropriation for your relief, tho I regret to be compelled to say further that, The Senate have come to the conclusion to let no relief Bill pass with an appropriation for the payment of the same, But make them all payable at the pleasure of the Govt, and God only knows when the Government will be able to pay such acknowledged accounts, So you see that altho Government will acknowledge your account yet it is very uncertain when she will pay – We are getting along rather slowly at present as we are waiting for the message from the new President we expect it tomorrow morning, after which the Bill will be passed changing the finances of the Nation to a gold and silver Standard, making at least the import duties, and likely the direct Taxes payable in par funds, The tax law will be modified. – The change of finance, is all the country can look to for her existence. We have just learned that Hamilton is returning without any portion of the loan. It is said that a company in holland is sending out an agent with Hamilton, to negociate a loan to texas, If Texas will give her some exclusive commercial privileges.

Very Respectfully your Obdt Servt
J. McConnell

Mr P. Bennett