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To authorize the auditing of the claim preferred by Jas Bourland late Collector, it seems to me to be necessary, that it should be shown that the claim to the amount insisted on by him should have been recognized as just and owing to the State of Texas by the Political authority of the United States Government.

If it shall appear to be so recognized, no act of the State of Texas whether it be a waiver or relinquishment of the claim, a failure to assert it, or the acceptance of a smaller sum in satisfaction of it, can impair Bourland's claim upon the State for his full proportion of such claim. The establishment of the claim is a fact which the auditor & Comptroller must examine and ascertain for themselves

A P Brewster

To Messrs Shaw & Swisher