Galveston July 15th 1854

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Dear Sir

Sending that you were so occupied during your stay at this place I did not wish to plague you in explaining my urgent claims against this Govt. however the fact is that for the balance due me per my pay accounts attached me by the President for the capture of the Schr Fanny Butler & Comanche as one of Burton's corps of Rangers, a Land Marine, with three months pay as Private & Prize Master, for which service I also claim the bounty land awarded at same time to each soldier, for which my certificate for Major Burton has been presented at Austin to the Secty of War & Order in this claim you have the official documents for the vouchers as proofs. Eight pay for said 3 months, next claim is for disbursements of Schr Viper, next is forty two days detention in Houston in 37. attending trial of Schooner Fire Secty of the Navy passed by the then Congress next is for two months service at Galveston & Corpus Christi as transport agent at $150 per mo. you have the official documents to prove that

I desired you not be able to procure the fifty dollars for my wagon & labor, located by Col Wm L Cazneau on my head right on Rio Grande, at your discretion in calling at the land office or publishing for them in the public papers next I demand if it is possible to obtain