Washington City D.C.
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Dear Swisher

I send enclosed, & by Mr Shaw my account with Texas, you will see by my furlough from the Texan government that I was ordered to keep the Department advised from time to time of all changes of residence &c and was liable to have been called on at any moment, & I have been told by General lawyers of Texas, that I was entitled to my pay for that time as much as for any other. Officers have been furloughed without pay, but you will find upon examination that mine does not word in that manner, you know in matters relating to the Navy, where the laws of Texas are silent those of the United States are substituted, which says no officer shall ~~[illegible]~~ be furloughed, only at his own request, & then to receive half of his sea pay, so in making out my account I have taken half the amount of my service pay as the standard, by attending to this & placing it on file, you will confer a great favour upon an old friend,

Yours Truly
M. C. Brasheer