Hon. James B. Shaw
Comptroller &c &c

New Orleans October 12. 1850

Sir;

The enclosed papers relative to a claim of Joseph Clark of this city on the late Republic of Texas, are forwarded to you for your examination; and if found correct to forward to me a certificate to that effect. The facts and history of the case are simply these:

In Jan. 1843 Com. Moore being then in this city, with the Texan Ships of war, of which he was Commander, for certain repairs &c, was without funds. In this case he applied to Mr. Clark, informing him, that he had advices from the Government of Yucatan, that funds would be supplied him, if he could send a special messenger for them; and desired Mr. C. to procure a vessel, that he could send for that purpose — that the vessel must be taken out his papers from this port as an American; but that he Com. Moore must put his captain & crew on board — so that the object and purpose of the vessel, might remain a secret, and known only to himself & those friendly to, or engaged in the Texan service — Mr. Clark had such a vessel, the "two Sons", then lying up at the Balize which he sent for, & fitted for sea & reported her 'ready', to Com. M. She was immediately manned & officered by the Com.dore and Mr. W. R. Darnold was placed on Board, as bearer of despatches; having a letter to Com.dore Moore, to the Gov. of Yucatan. Capt Boylan, who was placed in command of her, to give her somewhat the appearance of a trader, took on Board a venture of goods on his own account, which rendered it necessary, in order to obtain them, to enter into an explanation with Mr. Frost, whose deposition is hereto annexed — Mr. Frost to be certain, all was right, called on Mr. Clark & Com. Moore, and from them learned confidentially, the whole transaction. Capt Boylan subsequently commanded the Gun Boats, in Moore's attack upon the Mexican Steamers, in which the "two Sons" — changed to "Republican" also figured. The object of the voyage to the Gov. of Yucatan, being successfully accomplished, the vessel returned to New Orleans; and Com. Moore & Mr. Clark the $200. credited on said account, accompanied by a verbal promise, that the balance of the $1000. should be paid him, as soon as he realized in cash, the funds from the drafts sent him — While the Schooner was at Yucatan, the Governor proposed to buy her