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Rufus Shaw & Swisher

Comptrollers &c of Texas debt.

Gentlemen;

Allow me again respectfully to call your attention to the claim of Wm. Joseph Clark $800: against the late Republic of Texas, remitted by me to you some time ago.

This claim is for the Pilot Schr. "Two Sons" sent by Commodore Moore Carrying bearer of despatches to the Gov. of Yucatan. When I first sent this claim to you, along with another of $800, to the same person for towing Com. Moore's squadron to sea, & which latter one was allowed by you, you said the other claim (viz: for the "Two Sons") must be allowed upon the certificate of Com. Moore. I wrote Com Moore on the subject, and found from his answer, that he was labouring under the impression that Schr. Two Sons, had never been sent to Yucatan but once & that, when she was sold to that Government for a gun vessel — Matters so remained, until I met with Capt. Cox, and two other persons, who were privy to the whole matter, and the price that Com. Moore was to pay for the vessel, going down — These depositions I had taken before Mr. Ainsworth the Texas Commissioner, and forwarded to you. In December last Com. Moore was in this city, and on an interview between himself & Mr. Clark in my presence, he was made fully sensible of his former error, in supposing the vessel went only once (& that when she was to be sold to the Gov.) and was fully satisfied that she had gone under his authority & direction for the account of the Texan Gov.t and that the price of said ship was $1000: on which he had paid $200: leaving a balance due Mr. Clark $800: — This Com. Moore stated in a letter to you, which I sent you which you acknowledged to me, and promised to take up the case as soon as you could