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City of Galveston Nov 8. 1851

James B Shaw Esqr
City of Austin
Dear Sir

I have just obtained of the District Clerk the accompanying Certificate — he states that the records are in such a Condition that it is almost impossible to do parties Justice — But I think that if you will examine the Law of 1841 you will find that the original claim is proved according to Law — Of Course you will issue the Certificate for as much as you Conceive we are entitled to — perhaps a Portion may rank as a Second Class claim — the Balance as a Third Class claim

You will send the Certificate or Certificates to my address at Houston by Mail

Your obedient Servant

T Del Cordova