Shellyville Jany 7th 1851.

J. M. Swisher Esqr
My Dear Sir.

I received the inclosed letter only a few days before my departure from Austin — You were not prepared to attend to the request of the writer when I called on you the day before I left — but could give it your attention in a few days as you informd me. Will you please do so as soon as possible and forward to Doctr Lister or to myself, I presume he only wishes your certificate for the amount allowed, though I dont know,

I have no news to write you only ~~that~~ paper is very scarce as you may perceive,

I am truly your
friend & obt Servant

J. M. Smith
of Shelby