Washington Aug 5 1864

Mr James B Shaw
Comptroller of the State of Texas
Sir

I avail myself of the return of Governor Bell to Austin to forward to you the enclosed order of Genl Hamilton The order has for ~~some time~~ been in my possession since it was drawn, but as I supposed there would be no action on the subject in Texas I have not forwarded it

The debt of the James River and Kanawha company commends itself to the favourable regard of the authorities of Texas

It was contracted by Genl Hamilton while he was the commercial agent of Texas. The Genl was the agent of the James River & Kanawha company and as such had on hands funds, raised by pledging the securities of the company, and which funds were of immediate importance to the company.