Houston January 14. 1877.

Dear Sir

Whilst in Cincinnati I met Mrs Hinton, widow relict of Capt Hinton. Since my arrival here she has written me on the subject of arrearages due her husband. He was suspended at one time by President Lincoln & restored by Congress. He certainly was entitled to his pay during his suspension — Mrs H is very poor & I feel satisfied it will give you great pleasure to assist her. May I therefore in her name request of you to see what was due Capt. Hinton & have a certificate (if it can be done) issued to Mrs Anna [redacted] Hinton for the amount of her husbands back pay — If you have not the time will you please get some one to attend to it for her — Your attention to this will oblige a favor on a most deserving & at present needy woman —

May I beg to be remembered most kindly to your wife.

Accept my best wishes for yourself

Yours sincerely

James Reilly

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P S Anna H. Hinton is the name.