relief. Swept away every thing that he possessed. And the embarrassed Condition of the finances of the Country, and the reduction of the Naval establishment, precluded all hopes of his being able to repair his shattered fortunes by remaining. and towards the latter part of the year 1841 he determined to resign and seek an asylum among his relatives & friends. In sickness & poverty. broken down in spirits, and without hope for the future he left the home of his adoption — a bankrupt in all save reputation. The blow he had rec.d so weighed upon his spirits that he could not recover and in the course of a few short months Death put a period to his existence. And your petitioner was left without protection.

Some 3 or 4 years ago your petitioner made application to the Auditor & Comptroller for the pay due her late husband for the time from his illegal dismissal to the date of his resignation in 1841. which was refused on the grounds that there was no law authorizing them to audit. and that they had no Equity jurisdiction. and refered your petitioner to the Legislature for relief.