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Gov. McDonald Esqr.

Huntsville

Galveston July 22d 1849

My Dear Sir

I am sorry that I have to give you bad news, by the following copy of Mr J. De Cordova's letter to me, you will perceive that I have not yet received the amt of your claim of $2[illegible] 6¼ per March 15th 1848 including interest against the late Republic of Texas, assigned to me on that date, and that the same must be approved, ere it can be admitted. The letter is as follows

"I regret that I am compelled to inform you as follows with regard to Mr McDonald's Claim against the late Republic of Texas, assigned to you, and which you placed in my hands to be funded in accordance with the act of the last Legislature.

Before it can at all be entertained by the Auditor, it requires

1st The Original requisition for the goods

2d a Bill for the articles specifying each item

3d The approval of the Officer who [redacted] them.

When all these are got and the claim admitted, no interest whatever will be allowed, and it must inevitably rank as a third class claim.

I fear at this lapse of time there will be no possibility for you to procure these three requisites & I much fear as a third class claim its intrinsic value will be but trifling.

Signed J. De Cordova."

If therefore you can not furnish these three requisites on or before the first of November next, to the Auditor and Comptroller of the State, the entire claim