will be lost to you, ~~and in which case~~ as you would have to reimburse me for the same ~~thirty days~~ such part thereof as may not be admitted by the Legislature.

As you can collect the claim much easier than I can, and to prevent the loss of the same, I would propose to you, to settle me Cotton, or Merchandise out of your Store in Houston, for the amt. of claim, which, I believe, would be the most satisfactory way for settlement, for both parties. But, if you can not well comply with this proposal at present, it will be necessary that you should attend to this ~~matter~~ business immediately, and with all diligence. ~~at once!~~

~~You~~ Colonel Moakley tells me, that the Orders for the goods were given ~~by him~~ verbally, but that the Officer who received the same, may be in a distant land or dead.

It would be best for you as Col. M. is here, to come here, and I would beseech you to come ~~at once~~ directly, as I have to leave from here on about the tenth of August.

Hoping to see you soon here I remain

Dear Sir
Your obt Servant
Jno H. Ellis