West Feliciana Louisiana
April 27th 1849

Gentlemen.

I address this note to you to acknowledge the Receipt of yours of the 6th ult. by the hands of Mr Willis Stewart covering your receipt for my bonds of the consolidated debt of the late Republic of Texas, bearing date the 5th March 1849; & to thank you for your prompt attention to my claim & the feeling of Sympathy you are pleased to Express at the "hardship" & "injustice" which may be done me should the Legislature of the State of Texas not modify the arbitrary rule of Classification which want of time for individual investigation, "compells" you to adopt.

In this however you seem to be fully aware that your "average" Classification is a Procustes bed; & intimate that your proceeding is initiatory only; & that the Legislature, in the Spirit & words of their own act of the 28th March 1848, will revise your classification, reducing each ("all claims") to the actual par value which may have been realized by the

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