[redacted] "& are knowledged by the late Republic as set forth in her Special Contract or bond executed in Kentucky & now on file in the Public archieves at Austin for 10,000 Dollars for full "value recieved."*

In conclusion therefore Gentlemen (for the reason of the impossibility of investigating each claim individually assigned by yourselves, & for the incontestible facts above enumerated, I must most respectfully Protest against the certificate of Depreciation, sent me, being taken & considered as an Equitable ascertainment of the true & legal value of my claim, under the 4th Sect: of the Act of the Legislature of the State of Texas of the 20th March 1848. And I do further Protest against my holding the receipt sent me of the 5th ult: No: 130 being taken & considered a waiver of the lien, I have filed in the Public archieves, on the honour & good faith of the late Republic. In full confidence of these I have ever held her evidence of Debt. In full confidence on these, I ever will claim it as sacred, untill the Sovereign State of Texas shall "feel power & forget right."

Very Respectfully

John W. King

* And so believed & Declared by Genl. S. Sherman Col. Thrustin & Col. John W. Tibbatts in his letter attached & made part of my Memorial to the Senate & House in the Session of 1847-8.