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Galveston 20 May 1857

Hon. James B. Shaw, Compt.
Austin,
Dear Sir.

Enclosed please find certified copy of Henry Mattells' appt. as admr. on Est. of Wm. F. Maury. I think the Est. is entitled to more than the rolls shew. The San Antonio was lost about the middle of Sept. 42. The records of yr. office I presume shew only the bal. due decd. to the quarter ending 30th June 42. If this be the case he would be entitled to pay from that date up to the time of his decease. Say from 30th June to 15th Sept. greater part of this latter period Lieut. Maury acted as Purser, on the vessel being ordered to Sea Lieut. M. was appd. Sailing Master, and Thos. M. Brannum appd. Purser. If I am right, please make the necessary correction and forward to me a certf. for the amt. to which he would have been entitled.

I have not yet be able to obtain the affidavit required in the case of B. R. Watson decd.

Very respy. Yrs. truly

W. F. James