"Pay to the order of A Mellier eight six hundred and fifty-five dollars and sixty-five cents in par currency on account of expenditures for the demarcation of boundary between the United States and the Republic of Texas

I am very respectfully
Your obt Servt
(Signed) Geo W Smyth
Texas Commissioner."

"This draft was never paid by me, nor by any other person to my knowledge. By whom could it have been paid? If I had paid it, the proper ~~vouch~~ evidence would be found among my vouchers in the Comptroller's office, otherwise I must have lost the amount, as there would have been just so much money unaccounted for. If it has been paid, it must have been paid at the Treasury Department, and in that event the proper evidence would appear there.

"I herewith inclose a receipt of Capt Mellier from which the particular service rendered will appear — I send you an original because I have duplicates —. It must not be inferred from this receipt that the account was actually paid. It was given in exchange for the draft. You perceive it bears the same date and is for the same amount.

"I do not find the draft. It is barely possible that I may have handed it Col Mayfield or Col Potter at the opening of the Congress of 1841, 42, for the purpose of procuring an act for the relief of Capt Mellier. I recollect distinctly having conversed with Col. Mayfield on the subject (who was then a member