State of Texas,
County of Galveston.

James Love, on oath says,
That about July 1840 the late William M. Beal of New Orleans, enclosed to him said Love, George W. Smyth, Draft, as Boundary Commissioner on the Secretary of the Treasury of the Republic of Texas for, as I believe, Six hundred and Sixty five 65/100 dollars payable to the order of Capt. A. Mecklear of the Steamer Albert Gallatin, and endorsed to said Beal, and by him endorsed to me said Love, for collection from the Secty of the Treas.y = That I enclosed the same to A. S. Lipscombe then Secty of State for payment who replied that it could not be paid the appropriation being exhausted. That to my best recollection & belief, I left the said draft with said Lipscombe for collection, if an additional appropriation should be made, which was never done. That said draft was not returned to me: nor, as I was informed by said Beal in his lifetime and verily believe, to him said Beal. That I believe s.d draft was placed on file by s.d Lipscombe, or ~~retain~~ retained by him. and is either now among his papers or has been lost or mislaid.

That the same was the property of said William M. Beal, and was never as I believe transferred except for collection as above; and did not get into any hands claiming the same.

That said draft is to my best belief a just and legal claim against the late Republic