New Orleans May 9th 1851

John W Swisher Esq
Auditor

Dear Sir

Your favor of 11th March covering four certificates and $70. counterfeit notes came duly to hand. You will please notice that the interest is made up from 1st Sept 1839 and 1st March 1840 on the Consolidated Claims; will you have the kindness to look at the original certificate I think there is an error of two years interest in the computation of it, certainly one year on the $1000. certificate.

If I am right please hand me a certificate covering such deficiency

Enclosed please find Certificates # 6091 and 6093. of Consolidated Fund each $100. drawing interest from 17th Sept. 1840 @ 10%. also $180 Treasury notes which you will find enveloped together, for which please hand certificate. Also please find $306. Treasury Not. notes and $670* Treasury notes, without interest, in seperate envelope, for which also please hand certificate — the two are seperate interests. I am often asked by holders of Claims as to the propriety of handing in the originals for auditing and I have invariably advised them to hand them in, on the ground that the liability or responsibility is not changed, while it will aid the Constituted offices to arrive at the amount of the indebtedness.

Very Respectfully
Yours
R. W. Nicbank

+ $211 Counterfeit

* Notes in favor of Vacca Bridges & Co.