National Hotel
Washington City D.C
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Gentlemen

I herewith enclose my account for pay from July 25th 1843, to February 17th 1846, on which day Texas became a State of the Union; up to which time I am entitled by law to receive pay as Post Captain Texas Navy, by the laws of Texas; but for which I have not received a certificate of indebtedness, under the act of the Legislature.

You will oblige me by submitting this subject to the Attorney General of the State and let me know his decision on it.

I make the claim on the ground of my commission, confirmed by the President and Senate of the Republic of Texas in July 1843, which I legally held up to the day of annexation, when the Navy of Texas was to be merged into that of the United States. There is no law depriving me of either my commission or my pay, and I feel confident that the Attorney General will so decide.

I hope you will find no difficulty in issuing the certificate to me when you obtain the Attorney General's decision of the legality of the claim.