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Gentlemen.

I herewith enclose my account against the late Republic of Texas, under a law which I saw by the news papers, was passed at the Extra Session of the Legislature last winter, opening the Auditorial Board for filing claims under the head of "domestic debt".

I hope you will have no difficulty or hesitation in auditing my claims and presenting them to the Legislature at its meeting.

My claim for Pay is made under the laws of the late Republic - (First the law of Fifth Congress page 106 section 9) fixing a permanent Naval establishment as follows -

"Be it enacted &c. That the naval establishment of this Republic shall be composed of one Captain - one master commandant - eight lieutenants - ten midshipmen, with such other warrant and petty officers as may be necessary for the establishment, upon the scale provided for by this act, with sixty seamen and marines, and one lieutenant of marines - one surgeon - one assistant surgeon and two pursers".

Secondly - The law passed by the sixth Congress - page 145 as follows:

"Be it &c. That it shall not hereafter, be lawful to dismiss an officer in the military or naval service of the Republic, for any misconduct in office, of his commission, unless by the sentence of a court martial".

Approved February 4th 1841.

My pretended dismissal by the then President, in July 1843 - was contrary to the express law of the land, and is consequently a nullity - The action of Congress the following winter in passing a law "to establish a tribunal for the impartial trial of Post Captain W Moore" - fully sustains this position by recognizing me as Post Captain in the Navy.

There is no law depriving me of my right to receive pay as the Post Captain commanding the Navy of Texas" in which capacity I was commissioned by the President and Senate of the Republic in July 1843, during the extra session held at Houston, at which time a law was passed fixing the pay of officers of the navy, whether at sea or on shore.

The sacrifices I have made and the hardships I have