Galveston Decr 27th 1850

Messrs Shaw & Comptroller
J. M. Crosby - Auditor
Austin Texas

Gentlemen I have just been informed by Genl Hemphill that to obtain I have a Power of Atty to procure the pay certificate of the Late Maj Jno. W. Murray that a similar Citation has been made by another individual Claiming it under letters of Administration also. and that you have directed delivering it to either him or my self until you are convinced who was the one justly entitled to it

I herewith forward you a certified Copy of my letters of Administration by which you will perceive I have been acting since the 29th Decr 1845

Gen Hemphill has advised me to make a statement of facts connected with my proceedings which I do - you can place such confidence upon them as you may feel authorized to do but which I am ready to prove by vouchers for the same if necessary

Maj Murray lived with me over one year previous to his leaving to go down west to attend to some business & regain his health & as he stated intended to return to me again he was indebted to me when he left for attention Medical aid & clothing &c nearly one hundred dollars Consequently I took letters of adm. out I a year or two afterwards learned that he had two sisters residing in Mississippi & after considerable difficulty found them out and Corresponded with them and afterwards in 1848 visited them ~~Connection with~~ with the view