Galveston Oct. 27. 1851 -

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My dear Sir.

In the Auditor's & Comptroller's office you will find a claim belonging to me for $355=27 of first class. This claim is a certificate from Purser - N Hurd of the Texas Navy for the services of I. D. Oneal in said Naval service of Texas previous to 1842 -

I filed the claim, under the law in August last. Mr Swisher in a hasty note informed me he would examine it; since that time I have heard nothing of the matter -

Will you be so kind as to look after the claim and see if it is correct, & if so please get the acknowledgement of the Auditor & Mr Shaw to that effect - If the claim is incorrect then do me the favor to get it and return the same by mail to me at once, as I can make the money out of Oneal's property here - I believe the Auditor and Comptroller have been so much pressed that they have not had time to