Austin 3rd Feby 1848

To the Prests and Members of the Joint Committee

Gentlemen:

In relation to the second and third items of my account, I have but a few words to say, and these I herewith respectfully submit for your consideration.

In relation to the spoliation practised upon me in 1838. You will see by the ~~report~~ schedule from the Controller that a single item in that list, viz Two hundred & seven pairs of Pistols, sold at one fourth of their value, would come to more money than the whole of my goods brought: There was no body there but one to bid, and he got them at his own price. The Injunction, as well as all decency was disregarded, and my property was thrown away with as little compunction of conscience as if I had been an avowed enemy of the country. The money went into the treasury or was absorbed by the men who seized upon it

For this ruthless disregard of law in 1838, at a place where there was no protection, and for the shameful Robbing of the Custom-House in 1842, I respectfully submit whether there ought to be any part of them refunded in money, especially as I am so long ~~away~~ on expences (since 26th May) and my funds are at this moment quite low.

I am very truly your Obt Servt S. Perry