above stated, but is certain that the time amounted to as much as is charged for in the account, three months, and probably exceeded that term, the charge made in said account being at twenty dollars a month for each of the two officers and fifteen dollars a month for each of their two men, the usual rates then paid by boarders of first and second class in your Petitioner's establishment.

As the assistance rendered to the aforesaid officers and their men was of first necessity, and rendered while they were acting in a public capacity, but were unable to communicate with or receive aid from their Government, your Petitioner conceives that the debt was contracted by the officers, as such, for the Republic they served, and that its faith is virtually pledged for payment, and, moreover, that as the rates charged were not enhanced by any supposed uncertainty of collection, the account is not justly liable to scaling or reduction.

Your Petitioner therefore submits the claim to the consideration of your Honorable Board, with the accompanying testimony, and respectfully asks payment of the full principal, with such interest thereon as it may be entitled to by law.

Eliza Proctor

Commissioner

This 30th day of June A.D. 1851, personally appeared Eliza Proctor, to me known, swore to, and subscribed to the foregoing statement & petition, & to the following account of $210

Edward Hall
Commissioner for the State of Texas