Mobile Aug 15th 1850

Mr. J. B. Shaw

If it would not put you to too much inconvenience, you would greatly oblige me by attending, or engaging some one else to attend, to collection of a smal claim I have had standing against the Texas Gov.t since 1842 or 44, for services rendered in the Texas Navy, as Lieut. Com.d Marines on board Sloop of War Austin. The A/c.t was rendered to me by Purser Hurd when I left showing a Ballance in my favour of One or Two Hundred Dollars — the A/c.t is lost — but by a reference to the Ships Books my A/c.t will show for itself — I am entitled to interest and Prize Money also; But will be glad to get any thing like the principle ($125.00 or 225.00) after deducting the expences & trouble of collecting — I have tried several persons, but could get no one to attend to it, and as I dislike to loose what I am justly entitled to; I will continue, until ascertain I stand no chance of being paid

I discover in a Bonham Paper you are a Candidate for re election — Genl. Lamar is here staying in my Brothers House quite dissatisfied with the present state of affairs in Texas — In the recp.t of this you will have rec.d news of the turn things took in Washington City, which will at any rate, enable Texas to pay her just debts —

Genls. Henderson & Ex Govr. Wood and Col. Howard passed through our City about 3 Weeks since

Please answer soon and oblige Yours Respectfully

T. H. Roberts