In view of the Laws of the State, before named, and that we may come within their just provision, we have the honor to send you herewith enclosed, this original and identical Bond received by us from the late Republic of Texas, marked B No. 1. for $280.000.– bearing ten per cent interest from the 13th day of November 1838, which we ask the favor of you to receive; and after taking due Note, and making the proper registry thereof, we should prefer your returning it to us at your earliest convenience, as stated below.

Should it, however, in your view, be impracticable for you to return us the Bond, at present, we desire that you will certify, under your Seals of Office, the copy that we send you herewith, stating that the original has been deposited with you, and forward to us the certified copy by mail.

We hope, however, and trust that, on an examination of the Law, it will be deemed to have been fully complied with, if you register and return to us the original Bond without any other defacement than your certification and seals; and we think you will find that the Law referred to, will fully justify you in that course.

It is true that many creditors have, and many more may voluntarily surrender their original evidences, and receive other certificates of obligation; but we trust that those may not be considered as precedents for our case, in which there is so obvious a difference from the ordinary debts of Texas.

The Law, it seems to us, requires of Creditors only that they should present their claim or demand; but in forwarding to your Department this Bond, that we may certainly be within the