Lockhart Mon. the 29th 1852

Col J. M. Swisher Dear Sir, I send for your inspection some old papers which may, or may not be of some value to me ~~those~~ if any of them can be made available I hope you will make such disposition of them as will be most likely to ensure their payment should they all be paid it would only be a small part of my services but even a few dollars would now be as acceptable to me as my service were to the republic, One discharge for 20 days and one for 34 days from capt A. J. Jordan countersigned by Gen. W H Douglas, in both of which the J. is left out of my name though I performed the service but at the time thinking they were worthless and my necessities were not so great then as they now are I did not have them corrected, also a receipt from J. Forbes Com. of subsistence for another discharge on which something is yet due me during that term I was orderly sergeant I do not recollect how long we were in service in '39 during the cherokee war — some document in the adjutant Generals office will show the time

I send also the affidavit of Gen James Smith certifying to other services all of which I hope you will have the kindness to attend to. — while some are claiming their thousands I (that have now to toil for my family as I then did for the Republic) shall be content with whatever may be awarded) — I send you also some papers that to me are curiosities I sen- them to you as such — they give some clue to the early history of this country that may