Norfolk (Va) May 16th 1850

Sir.

Sickness and absence have prevented me from forwarding the accompanying certificate, according to your directions to me in a letter dated March 6th 1849 - I had then to thank you for your kindness in attention to my account and being about to quit the United States for three years, you would add still more to the obligation already conferred by directing any communication for me to the care of my Father, James C. Stoneall - 131 Fulton St New York.

You stated my account, according to Purser Stephens Pay roll to be $233 47/100 -

Hoping, Sir, you will make due allowance for my request, I also trust you will pardon me for the trouble I have or may occasion you in this business.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John T. Stoneall

To
James B. Shaw Esq
Comptroller
State of Texas.