New Washington, July 15th 1840.

Dear Sir,

I have rec.d from Genl Swartwout, who is now in France, two or three letters of different dates and late, telling me that he is in want, and requesting me to endeavor to get from the Texian Govt the amt of moneys he advanced to have the Schooners Brutus and Invincible released when they were about being seized in N York, in the fall or winter of 1836, and remit to him. He enclosed to me the receipt of Capt Brown, who commanded the Invincible, which is for $2392, dated 22nd Feby, 1837; and informs me that he cannot lay his hands on the receipt of Capt Hurd, which he thinks was for near the same amt. I presume there can be no doubt ~~but~~ or difficulty about the amt which Capt Brown's receipt calls for being audited and allowed; and I trust there may be something satisfactory in the Office of the Navy Department, to establish the claim for advances made for Capt Hurd's vessel, the Brutus. It appears to be notorious that he did make these advances, and, possibly, Dr Archer may know something about it. —

It is not unknown to your Excellency that Genl Swartwout has been a great friend to Texas, rendering important services in her darkest hour. And now that he is in a foreign country, and his family with him,