and ten thousand dollars paid down. When the contractors of the loan petitioned Congress to have the terms of the loan complied with, and Colt. was called on to state what he knew of the circumstances, "Sir", said he, "But for that timely relief, that loan which was effected altogether through the influence of Genl Swartwout, I don't know what would have become of us. For my own part, I was a stranger in New York — had not a dollar, nor do I believe either of the other Commissioners had. It was the darkest hour of Texas. The Mexicans were overrunning the country, and its citizens flying before them. The battle of San Jacinto had not been fought, and all was despondency and dismay. Genl Swartwout generously came forward, and pledged his name for Ten thousand dollars of the loan, which was immediately followed up by others, and the whole amt. taken at once."#

It was made known to Genl Swartwout that Galveston Island was the last resort, and the last hope of the Texians, that many of the Texians were flying to it as the last place of refuge and protection, and that it had been determined to hold out there to the last — that helpless women and children were flocking to that place, who could go nowhere else for safety — that there would be great suffering unless provisions were sent from somewhere &c &c. As soon as Genl Swartwout learned this, he caused a quantity of bread, near $2000, to be purchased and sent out immediately; it came to Galveston, and in a good time, for the army was then suffering

Only Ten thousand of the loan was paid in, the Govt. declined taking the balance