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from his pocket, assured me that a few grains of that was the only thing of the ~~like~~ bread kind he had had for the last week. I informed him that we were indebted to you for this timely relief and for saving us from starvation at Galveston.

At the meeting of Congress in Houston in 1836 or 37, when I presented the memorial of the subscribers of New York to the loan of $10,000, which they furnished Texas, Wm H. Wharton then being a member of the Senate, and having been one of the commissioners who negotiated the loan in New York, I applied to him to sustain the petition, when it should come before the Senate, as he could explain the whole transaction. He told me he would attend to this matter with as much pleasure as ever he attended to anything in his life. And to use his own words, he said, "I shall never forget this debt of gratitude I owe to Genl Swartwout. I was in New York a perfect stranger without a dollar, and should have starved but for the timely aid rendered by him. He not only negotiated the loan for us, but furnished