To Gen James Hamilton

New York 1st October 1850

Dear Sir,

I gladly avail myself of your kind offer of assistance at Austin in the recovery of the advances I made to Texas during her Revolutionary struggle —

All my advances were made in cash, consequently I am entitled to recover every dollar at par, with the proposed interest thereon — These loans were made to the duly accredited Agents of the Republic, with the exception of one thousand dollars, which sum I authorised Col Fisk then of Nacogdoches, to draw on me for, at the commencement of the war — I have written to Col T. requesting him to state the fact under oath, and send his deposition to the Comptroller at Austin, without delay. This was a voluntary contribution to aid the people in their struggle for Independence — When I did this I never expected to call for a return of it, but I am so much reduced in my circumstances, that I feel myself in duty bound, to recover it, if possible, for my family.

The second advance I made, was 2000 dollars, in the Month of May 1836, which was for 10 per cent of the subscription I made to the loan for Texas, and paid to the Commissioners. Austin; Archer & Wharton — You hold the certificate issued in June 1839; for this advance. There was, however, a further sum of 500 dollars, furnished by me alone; to the Commissioners to enable them to defray their Hotel Bills in this City and their travelling expenses home — Col Austin, the senior member of the Commission, gave me a separate receipt for this money; pledging his & his country's honor, that it should be returned to me on their arrival in Texas — When they reached home they found, however, that the condition of the Treasury & the Country forbad it, and it could not be done. Notwithstanding this mortifying embarrassment Col Austin

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