wrote me a beautiful letter, stating the cause and ~~apologizing~~ apologizing for his Country's Poverty, but pledging her faith & his own for the payment of the Money, and thanking me in the warmest manner, for the assistance I had rendered them in their public capacity, and the attentions I had extended to them personally — That letter and the receipt for the Money, were consumed, together with almost all my papers & letters in the great fire of 1845, in Broad St in this City — In that letter Col. Austin assured me, that that advance enabled the Commissioners to pay over to their Govt. the whole of the money which was advanced to them on loan, without withdrawing from it a dollar for their personal accommodation or expenses — Doct Archer will confirm this statement — Accompanying this communication I hand you a letter for him, which I will thank you to have forwarded to him at Yr. earliest convenience.

My last advance was made to Saml Ellis Esq. the agent of Govt. for the redemption in the month of September 1836, of the War Schooner Brutus — See Mr Ellis's deposition, of which I hand you a copy — See also the same document on file at the Department at Austin — The sum advanced to Mr. Ellis was Dollars 4,092 05/100 — I have the Comptroller's & Auditor's certificate for this amount, but denominated "2nd class" — and without interest — The Auditor & Comptroller both stating to Mr. De Cordova, at the time the Certificate was issued, that they had not the power to admit or express it. The Legislature alone, as they very justly remarked, having the authority to do so — See a copy of this certificate accompanying this letter — Cannot you, my dear Sir, & other friends in Texas, procure a short act of the legislature directing interest to be paid, as stipulated at the time those advances were made? I am exceedingly reduced in means & Texas is now rich & prosperous — I feel the

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