New York 11th August 1851

Dr Sir,

Your obliging communication of the 9th May, was rec'd on the 1st June. I wrote immediately to Doct Archer, giving him an extract from Yr letter, but I have not yet rec'd any reply to it. I am afraid the Doct has lost his recollection or he would respond to my note — Perhaps he has written to you — If he does not recollect the transaction, why, I suppose I must be content & lose it —

I have Govt certificates for the 2,571 11/100 dolls paid the commissions on loan, and that for the amt advanced to the Schooner "Brutus" — I am yet in want of one for the sums advanced for the redemption of the Schooner "Invincible", and for the 1000 Dolls sent to Frost Thorn — And, Doct Archer's 500 Dolls! — The latter I fear I shall never get — I fear the Doct is apprehensive of personal liability, but I have assured him, as far as I am concerned, that he shall be exonerated from that —

I am so exceedingly reduced in the means necessary for my support, that I have been living for the past 12 Months upon loans procured on the certificates I have in hand and absolutely require your promised further contributions to enable me to live till Texas finally pays me —

I am Dr Sir, with great respect & regard

Yr Obc Servt

Same Sevastiont

Hon'l James B. Shaw
Comptroller
Austin
Texas.