To A. B. Shaw Esq.
Comptroller
Texas.

New York 31st January 1852

Dear Sir

Your short stay in our City and many engagements prevented our meeting on the day you left. It was my intention merely to lay before you the following requests — To let me know, as soon as you can after you get to Austin, and decide upon the admissibility or otherwise of the letter I handed you from Messrs Wharton, Austin & Archer, and the full amt to be awarded to me — secondly in what way I am to send the certificate for $4000 — now in the hands of Geo & Edward Curtis, for collection — and thirdly, in what way Texas intends to pay, whether in cash dfts or in Bonds —

I enclose the dft which Col Thorn drew on me for the thousand dollars, which may be a satisfaction to you to see.

I hope you have had a safe & pleasant passage home & that you may be in health & strength sufficient to go thro with your arduous work.

Please to excuse the trouble I give you. When Genl Hamilton presents the certificate for 2571 dolls. let him deduct what I owe him & transmit the balance to me himself or through you —

Yours