well as principal was promised me by the agent Saml. Ellis and by Col Wharton then Minister at Washington, and indeed I may say, by the whole people of Texas, so important were those advances considered at the time — Nay the Republic pledged itself not only to refund me the money, but to reward my friendship — And yet notwithstanding these undoubted and unequivocal acts of devotion to your Country, 16 years after and when I am old & in want of it, I am turned off, with a bare return of the principal of what I gave without security or reward in the days of your poverty & dispondency, whilst others, who have speculated on your awards are receiving 100, nay 200 per cent further advances — You have not sealed & reduced the amount of my claims — You could not do it — The State would have been scandalized if you had done it — But, if you paid any claimant any interest, how happened it that I was singled out for so conspicuous a mark of its injustice & displeasure? — I did not purchase my claims at a discount nor have I ever acted in an equivocal manner towards Texas. I have always acted in an open, friendly, affectionate manner towards your country — And you have heard and all Texas knows, that I not only loaned her money, but gave her in her extremity bread & meat without price or charge — Why then are such friends dishonored?

I am aware my dear Sir, that this reasoning & these statements will be answered by you in a single word — Your duty is to settle awards made under the

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