The petition of Samuel Swartwout of the City of New York, respectfully represents, that during the Years 1836 and 1837, impelled by a strong feeling of sympathy for the Republic, he loaned to Texas, at various times about $8.984 – That vouchers and evidences of his just claims for that amount, are now on file in the Comptroller's Office at Austin – That of the above sum your petitioner has received only $7.984 of principal and no interest! That a letter of credit, given by your petitioner to Messrs Austin, Archer & Wharton in May 1836, was not presented at the Treasury in time for its audit, but that Mr Comptroller Shaw in a letter dated at Austin 4th March 1852, to your petitioner, states that if the Auditor's Office is again opened for the audit of accounts, he will present this claim and Establish the Evidence of its authenticity – Should this not be done, your petitioner begs your Hon Body not to deny his just claim, but to have it recognized and allowed – His demand against the State will then amount to 16 years interest on $7.984, at 10 per cent, and $1000 principal advanced the Commissioners, with 16 years interest at 10 p. C.

16 Years int on $7.984. is $12.774.

advanced Commissioners 1.000 2.600. $15.374. 00

Interest 16 Years.

Your petitioner begs your Hon. Body to bear in mind that these advances were made, when the Republic was in the deepest distress, and all in cash par funds, that by the Laws of the Republic then and subsequently passed, for the encouragement and security of creditors, the import Revenues of the Republic, the public domain and the faith & honor of the Nation, were solemnly pledged for their redemption, with interest at 10 per cent per annum until paid – Your petitioner would also beg your Hon Body to bear in mind, that the greater part of these advances were made to redeem the Navy of the Republic from being sold and sacrificed and the Nation disgraced –

~~That Your Petitioner is now poor and advanced in~~