Gibbons and actually requires, for his daily subsistence, this small amount. That he asks not the State's bounty; he only asks for that justice which is his due and for which the State stands pledged by law and in honor.

I will barely add, that these services and these timely advances were vitaly important, not only to the reputation but to the Security of the Republic. The safety of the Navy, was the safety of the State. This was apparent to us here, as well as to the Government of Texas - It was not the amount involved in the transaction, that constituted its great merits at the time - It was the urgency, the character and national importance of the work it performed. The reputation & safety of the State were alike involved in the issue - Her whole naval power, was in jeopardy - on the point of being sold & sacrificed! - What was to be done? Texas had neither money in her Treasury, nor credit at home or abroad - She had no means of saving it, nor, if lost, of restoring it!! Had I not stepped forward and prevented the sacrifice, national disgrace and national insecurity would have been the consequence?! She would have been without ships & without powers on the sea - Her coast would have been exposed and without defence; her ports blockaded and her commerce a prey to the enemy - All these dangers and calamities were prevented by my personal advances alone - I saved the Republic from the perils that surrounded her, when no one else came to her assistance or relief, and preserved - and restored to her - in an improved condition, her gallant little Navy -

And what does your petitioner ask from the State in return for this service?- Her bounty - no! Her justice, nothing more - Her justice! Will she refuse him that? He thinks the bill not -

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