on file at the Treasury Department of Texas; and for evidence of the existence of the original document a copy of which is herewith enclosed from the Commissioners, Messrs Archer Austin & Wharton, your petitioner refers your Honorable Body to Mr. Comptroller Shaw, to whom he handed the original letter in the month of Sept. last, and who lost it unfortunately with other valuable papers, while on his way to Texas.

Your Petitioner claims to have the amount of principal and interest received therein.

This was pledged to him by the Commissioners & Agents of the Republic to induce him paid it, and also by the Congress of Texas, in its various public edicts passed at various times for the encouragement and security of its Creditors. See act of the 14th January 1840. which pledged the Impost Revenues of the Country, the public domain, and the public faith, for the faithful performance of these engagements.

Your petitioner begs your honorable body to bear in mind that these advances were of no ordinary character. That the greater portion of them were made for the purpose of redeeming from sale and sacrifice her little Navy, at a period when the Republic possessed neither means nor credit to avert the blow;

And that your Petitioner is now poor and advanced in life, and actually requires what is due to him, for the support of him-