self and family for the few remaining years he may have yet to live.

In conclusion your petitioner will barely remark further, that these timely advances were of vital importance not only to the reputation but to the safety of the Republic. The preservation of the Navy was the preservation of the Republic. Its loss at that period would have endangered its existence. This was as apparent to us here, as it was to the Government & people of Texas. But what could they do? Their little fleet was in the hands of the Marshal and no one to redeem it! At this period, this crisis of its fate, your petitioner loaned her the money, and the ships were saved. It was not, your Petitioner is well aware, the amount of money he advanced, that constitutes any peculiar merit in this transaction, but the calamity it prevented. It was the urgency and character of the service it performed, and the utter inability of the State to help herself, that entitles him to her consideration & justice, for this particular act. Will it be accorded to him? He believes it will. The reputation and safety of the State were alike involved in the event. Her whole naval power, tho' small was in jeopardy. It was on the point of being sold, by the Sheriff and sacrificed of course, and what was to be done to save it? Texas had neither money in her Treasury, nor credit at home nor abroad! Her Navy was advertised to be sold and the day and hour, named for the sacrifice, and there were no means of saving it, nor, if