tility of retaining it, had your petitioner joined his army and permitted the sacrifice, national disgrace and national insecurity would have followed. Texas would have been without ships and without power on the sea. Her Coast would have been without defence; her ports blocked and her Commerce a prey to the enemy! All these hazards and calamities were prevented by the timely and friendly interposition of your petitioner, whose personal unaided exertions alone saved her little fleet at a period of the most imminent peril and restored it to her in an improved condition?

Is it her charity, her bounty he asks — No — No! He only asks her to fulfill her engagements for services rendered; he asks for simple justice and relies upon the honor of the State to award it to him, and as in duty bound, he will ever pray.

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