To J. B. Shaw Esq.
Comptroller
Austin Texas

New York
27th March 1853

My dear Sir,

Your very kind letter of the 27th ult, was rec'd on the 20th inst.

I gladly avail myself of the invitation which it contains, to furnish you with the facts in relation to the lost letter written on the 18th of May 1836, by the Texian Commissioners Austin, Archer and Morton - And I accept this suggestion, not only as an indication that the State intends to pay me, but also as an evidence of your personal, friendly, feelings towards me.

Fortunately for me, I made a copy of that letter an hour before I handed the original to you at the Astor House, with a pencil endorsement of my having done so on the 23rd January 1852 - And I now enclose that Copy, with my affidavit of its identity with the Original, which I have not the least doubt, you will recognize, on reading it, to be correct - That I did hand it to you, you not only do not doubt, but can positively testify to -

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