alone, advanced the funds to redeem, release, refit and restore them to Texas — the Brutus had been released before by my individual devices & money, for at the Mr. Williams death, of Mr. Sayle's "having arranged "with the Creditors of the Brutus", and thus one half of "the difficulty with the two Repels, was removed", it was my doings, my advances, my money, that released the Brutus, and the Invincible both —

And, I may say here, as I said in my Memorial to your Legislature intended to have been presented at its called session last winter, that it was the timely devices I rendered ~~[illegible]~~, that saved these repels; and, as Governor Morton told me last August, in this City, that led to the acknowledgements by the Govt. at Washington, of the Independence of the Republic!! And, for the following reasons — see the enclosed memorial.

These advances had no parallel in the importance of the work they performed — They were made at a period when the security, as well as the reputation of Texas were at stake — all the Naval Power ~~[illegible]~~ the opposed, was embargoed, for want of funds to redeem them, in this Port, and they were on the point of being sold and sacrificed — What was to be done? Texas had neither