neither credit nor money to save them — I had both, and actually saved them with my own, my individual means in credit & money — Had I not prevented the sacrifice, national disgrace & national insecurity would, must have followed — Texas would have been without Ships and without power ~~[illegible]~~ on the Sea. Her coasts would have been exposed, and without defence; her ports blockaded and her commerce a prey to the enemy — All these dangers & calamities were prevented by my personal advances alone — The security & restoration of these vessels were worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Republic — And, what recompense do I ask in return for my services, only to be refunded what I gave her in the darkest hour of her trials, with the interest pledged, by her Agents, her Laws, her Congress, and her whole people at the time — I gave her when no one else would advance a dollar — she pledged her public domain, her import revenues and her sacred honor, that I should be paid back this money — I am now in the same destitute condition Your country was, when she fictioned me to save her — Let her not in her prosperity, turn her back upon her first & fastest friend, who now wants head!

Saml. Swartwout

Excuse the length, the tedious length of my letters — and let me hear that You have rec'd these papers, and will aid me in my suit.