To James B. Shaw Esq^r
Comptroller, Austin
Texas

New York 15th October 1853

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of the 15th ult. which I began to fear was not coming; but, better late than never as the ladies say at an unexpected offer — It is welcome too, for what it does promise; and I thank you also for that — Permit me to say, however, that were I James B. Shaw Comptroller of Texas, and you Sam Swartwout, it would go hard but the interest should be added to the principal of that dome certificate! — But, I dare say, you'll say, "that is "not our way in Texas". Then permit me to say, that I think it is time for you to mend your ways, and change for the better — Perhaps you will; and perhaps too, the interest may come some time or other, when most wanted and least expected, (next winter) when too, all the rest of the interest due me, or Rd Scott, may be added in a lump.

I send, herewith, an affidavit with respect to the $1000, and hope it may be satisfactory — The great derangement of my affairs in 1839, induced my wife to place many of my private papers in the care of a relative of hers; whose warehouse was destroyed, as stated in my deposition, together with all his & my papers that

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