New York 10th December 1853

Dear Sir,

In the Month of August 1852, I addressed a letter to the late Lieut Governor of Texas Hon K. Houston, then in this City, covering a Memorial to the Legislature of Texas, to be laid before that Body at the called Session in November; but, for reasons which will be stated hereafter, it was not presented — The memorial and the letter, both, contained a full and minute statement of the advances which I had made to the Republic in cash, at various times, during the Years 1836 and 1837 — Also, the amount (being the principal only of said advances), which had been refunded to me two Years ago by Mr Shaw the Comptroller — It contained, also, a statement of a credit which I had given in 1836, to the Commissioners Austin, Archer and Houston for $1000 — The latter sum $1000, for want of documentary evidence (since supplied) had not then been allowed — On all of these advances I claimed interest from the period when they were made, at ten per cent —

Understanding that you contemplate a visit to Texas this winter, and appreciating your kind feelings towards me, I propose, in this letter to Recapitulate these statements, and to request, should you go to Austin, your personal, friendly offices in my behalf — You are acquainted with many Officers of the Government and, no doubt, many members of the Legislature, and you know me well enough to vouch for me, that I would never present, much less press upon their attention, a weak or doubtful demand — Every item of my claims is fully established, by acknowledged and accepted vouchers, now on files in the Treasury Department at Austin — And permit me here to say, that but for my age and poverty, notwithstanding the solemn pledges of her public Agents and her Congress, I would not now be before her, petitioning for my just rights —

I have already written so many letters on this subject to my friends in Texas and elsewhere, that I really feel ashamed to trespass further on your or their time and patience, but recapitu