necessity has overcome those scruples; and now, at the advanced age of 70 years and upwards, and destitute of the means of subsistence, except from the contributions of friends, I find myself under the necessity of making an effort to obtain from Texas what she justly owes me — Let not this language offend her — She appealed 18 years ago to my sympathy, and I aided her — I now appeal to her justice, let her be just — I only ask for justice — Do what you can, all you can for me, and win or lose, I will not be ungrateful — I accept therefore, your generous offer to do what you can for me, should you reach the Seat of Government in time —

Tell these young and ardent Legislators, for many of the members were no doubt, too young, at the period of the Revolution, to know much about it or its chief actors, from personal observation, that I, a stranger, was one of the earliest, and warmest, and most steadfast friends of the Revolution, and that you know I was — That I advocated her cause, defended her rights and contributed my money to make her free — That my first advance towards the establishment of her independence, was an unsolicited tender of $1000, but to Col Frost Thorn in 1836, he was one of the committee of safety at Nacogdoches — My second $500, advanced to the Commissioners Austin, Archer & Wharton, to pay their Hotel Bill in this city — My third $1000 to enable these commissioners to get back to Texas — My fourth contribution $4,092,05, for the redemption of the national Schooner "Brutus", then in custody of the United States Marshal in this District and advertized to be sold, for repairs & Seamen's wages — The ship was released, her bills, all paid, her outfits provided and on board, and I alone! sent her back, in triumph, to her crippled, prostrate and bleeding country! — My fifth contribution $2,392, paid in like manner, for the redemption and release of the national Schooner "Invincible", also condemned and in like manner advertized to be sold for repairs and Seamen's wages —

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