where friendship was so important to the country at the time, and so much extolled, should now be singled out for so much disfavour? For ordinary services rendered, in many cases without money consideration, government certificates were issued in 1836, 1837 and at later periods, and scaled in 1848 at 90 cents with interest at 10 per centum paid, whilst my cash advances, for most urgent occasions, are to be simply returned at par, and no interest allowed! Is this just? Is it equitable, is it fair to me? To me, who in the darkest hour of her night of gloom, received her patriots with open arms and cherished and fed them for her cause — (When the Washington of Texas, the noble hearted Austin left me in May 1836, the last time I ever saw him — would he were living now — he pressed my hand warmly, and with tears in his eyes ~~in his voice~~, exclaimed farewell, and continued he, if ever I, or my adopted country forget you, may God forget us in our extremity) pardon this digression. At that period of doubt and dismay, at home and abroad, when Death Ravaged her plains and despair sank deep into the hearts of her people; when the Brutes Santa Anna and Almonte were Lacerating their wounds by the massacre of Fannin and his ~~two~~ defenceless band and the helpless inmates of the Allamo — At that dreadful period of dismay and despair in Texas, ~~and~~ our hearts were with you, our sympathies did not abate! We heard afar off, in our remote security, the privations, the sufferings, and the despondency of the people and we heard them succor — Yes, at the time that Houston and Rusk and their noble companions in arms were retreating before the invaders, and the latter gorged with blood and carnage ~~in hot pursuit, and the Populace flying in despair, in every~~ direction before the merciless invaders, a few of the staunch friends of Texas in this city, met at my house by invitation, and resolved to lend them relief. We chartered the next morning a vessel of 150 tons burthen, and loaded her with provisions of every description, and sent her to Lea