Galveston 27 December 1850.

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Dr Sir.

I have forwarded to Mr McKinney several Papers connected with the Claim of Toby & Bro. which I presume he will hand to you however you will see what they are.

There is to the Credit of Thomas Toby's individual acct on the Books of the Comptroller $13.600 (say Thirteen thousand Six hundred Dlls) I should have said on the Books of the Treasury will you examine the same and endeavor to have it settled. your fees will be your own wishes say anything reasonable however of that we will not speak.

Should I forward to you the deposition of Captain Nathaniel Hoyt. you can confer with a Mr Brewster (an atty of your City I believe) atty of R I Clones in the Privateer Tom Toby claim of which I or rather My Mother is 1/4 interested. Brewster & Thomas Grayson who sets up the claim are the parties, we have combined our endeavors you will please protect Mrs Toby's interest — Tom Grayson is a friend of mine