Jno. M. Swisher Esq. Auditor — Flanders' Grove, Galveston Bay June 12th. 1850

Dear Sir, In compliance with your requisition contained in the letter of October last, I forwarded to you in the same month a legally certified Account of my bill for Naval Services, as nearly correct as could be ascertained by my Memorandum and Papers which I regret are my only vouchers, in consequence of the premature death of Purser Wells having left them in an unsettled condition — — — — —

In the service of Texas, I stood by her in her darkest days and faithfully devoted myself and money in her cause as long as there remained any prospect of active measures; and I consider the country bound in honor to discharge the debt. — I have not received any letter from you since that of Oct., in answer to mine; and hope you will now, if you have not already, take the proper measures to ~~settle the Accounts~~, which I leave subject to whatever Alterations you may subsequently ascertain from any of Purser Wells' Accounts.

I would also mention that in respect to the account of the late John Woodruff, duly forwarded to you with the above, I sent you the required affidavits of his daughters stating that they had repeatedly heard Mr. Woodruff say that the Government had never paid him anything for the Cattle, but that he expected they would eventually. Please attend to these matters, and address your letter to the care of Messrs. Penny & Flint, Galveston, and I shall use all means to reciprocate your interests.

I remain Sir
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas. B. Vanderbilt