Austin Dec 13th

Dear Sir,

I presented the papers to the Commissioner of Claims, and he advised me to leave your certificate there as it was, and send you a copy of it that you might testify to the copy and if any thing happened, so that it should fail to get here in time I could present the original without the affidavit; it being in your hand writing, would have a good deal of weight, even so

Respectfully
E. Walsh

P.S. It is scarcely necessary to request that you will please send the certificate back by the first opportunity

E. W.