San Augustin. Dec 17th 1838.

Dear Sir.— I received your communication transmitting me the act of Congress regulating me to hold a special term of the District Court, for the trial of prize causes, with directions, such as might seem to me most advantageous to expedite the settlement without neglecting (TX) I will ask of you as a high favor, my attention to which will confer a lasting obligation on one, to apply to the Auditor for a certificate for my 4th quarter's salary for the present year which fell due on the 20th of this instant. The Auditor has in his office every data necessary to enable him to understand and will give you scrip to the amount (300 dollars) which when you obtain it, you can get it cashed at any of the Treasury agents or get it for me at any one of the Collectors of Customs at San Augustin, for the amount. It is due me out of the appropriation made by last Congress for the payment of Civil List. There is yet considerable of public money in the Custom house at this place, of which no one has the use but I, (if you should have any difficulty on

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