and plead to, and answer, this petition, and show cause, if any he has, why prayer of Petitioner shall not be granted

Petitioner prays your Honor, to grant him your most gracious Writ of Mandamus requiring the said E. Bledsoe, now acting as Comptroller of the State of Texas, to issue to your Petitioner, his Warrant, upon the State Treasurer, for the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, amount due him on December 31st 1871, by virtue of the Law approved August 13th 1870, and by virtue of the Certificate issued by the said E. Bledsoe, Comptroller, pursuant thereto. For Petitioner alleges, and so represents the fact to be, that the above law, under which the certificate of Pension was issued, contains a clause, making an appropriation of Ten Thousand Dollars out of the State Treasury for the purpose of paying Pensions under said Act. That said Law has never been repealed nor has it expired by any limitation, and petitioner believes that said appropriation was to be annual, unless otherwise altered or changed by law. and is now in full force and effect. The Law or appropriation having never been repealed by Law.