J. B. Shaw, Esq.
Comptroller of the State of Texas.
Austin.

Galveston, March 24. 1853.

Dear Sir, I present, herewith, my claim, as Administrator of the Estate of the late William M. Beal, deceased, against the late Republic of Texas, ~~for six~~ under the late Act of the Legislature, for Six hundred and fifty five dollars fifty five cents ($655. 55/100) being the amount of the Draft of George W. Smyth Texas Com.r in favor of Capt. A. Mellier, dated June 2nd 1840, on Kenneth S. Lipscomb, Secretary of State, payable at sight on account of Expenditures for Demarcation of Boundary between the United States and the Republic of Texas — which Draft was endorsed to said Beal.

This claim was the subject of some correspondence between us in 1851, but escaped my attention until too late to make the necessary proof.

The following papers accompanying this.

1.st Affidavit of M. Abrams, Book Keeper of Mr. Beal who proves a copy of the Draft. its assignment to Beal, and Beals right to the same its transmission to Col. James Love for presentation to and collection from the Government. and that it has never been accounted for.

2. Affidavit of Col. James Love who proves his receipt of the draft, from Son of Beal - its presentation and non payment - its remaining in the hands or office of the Secretary of the State. that it has never been paid and is still owing - and that the draft is lost unless it be among the public archives. Proves copy of Beal's letter on the subject in 1845.

3.d My letters as adm.r of Beal's estate with the will annexed, and certificate that I am still adm.r.

I trust that these evidences will be satisfactory to the Board - and will authorize the allowance of the claim.

I have not access to the Report of Mr. Smyth, as Com.r of the Boundary Survey, but I presume he reports the expenditure. It was for transportation of the Commission its supplies &c. up the Sabine River to and the testimony, aside from the public records, must be conclusive of its non-payment.

Should you require further evidence may I ask the favor of you to advise me of its character, at your earliest convenience.

I have been waiting the result of some suits now in order to close my administration. They have terminated, and the successful settlement of this m[illegible]r is all that requires my further attent[illegible].

Please acknowledge[illegible] with the d[illegible] in [illegible] and if the claim is allowed forward me Certif[illegible] is not interest allowable from date of same?

I am, Sir, very respectfully, your ob.t serv.t

W. H. Ballinger