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"Galveston April the 10th 1845

"To
Geo W Smyth Esqr
Texas Commissioner
Near Shreveport"

"Dear Sir

I am arrived in this place about 2 mouths ago and I have send to Austin the Draft you give me on the Secretary of the State. As my great surprise I receive it back few days ago and as you will see the Secretary of State wrote that you have the money to pay the expense of running the boundary line and I hope, after having lost many thousands Dollars and my health, for not have receive in time that Amount; I will not be deprived any longer of that money, here inclosed I send you that Draft, say $1.55, 65 ¢ par currency; please send me that to the Care of Capt Pillans of this Place in one Draft on New-Orleans if is possible and I hope that you will found very equitable to pay me the interest of over 10 Mouths or about $54, 20 ¢. I will be very much pleased to receive your letter and remittance as soon as possible. during my sickness I have contracted some debts of honor that I wish to settle very soon

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Signed) Allen Mellier

"So, I consider it a fixed fact that long after the book-keeper states it was placed in Mr Beal's hands, it was again in the hands of Capt Millier. I will now give you a copy of my letter to the Secretary of State from which it will