To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled.

Your petitioner Samuel B. Brigham administrator to the estate of Asa Brigham deceased, ~~respectfully makes known to your Honorable Body~~:

That at different times before the death of the aforesaid deceased who was then Treasurer of the Republic, he received and receipted to His Excellency Sam Houston the President of the Same for sundry warrants, for divers sums of money on different appropriations which amounts were to be disbursed by said Asa Brigham on orders drawn by the said President as occasion might require upon the aforesaid appropriations. Your petitioner is of the belief that this method was adopted from the want of funds at the time to meet in full the aforesaid warrants & probably from a desire of the President to avoid leaving the Treasury without means to meet other warrants that might be drawn for other purposes. In like manner the sum of nine hundred and seventy six 13/100 dollars was received of the President on account of his salary. Your petitioner further makes known that after the death of the aforesaid Asa Brigham the office was turned over to James H. Raymond and upon examination of the books &c. there was found a surplus of fourteen hundred and fifty five 53/100 dollars — but afterwards upon examination of the receipt before alluded to, as also the private account book for disbursing to President Houston's orders on the aforesaid appropriations - there was found a balance due, of which your petitioner can find no vouchers to show that the same has been paid, <u>the sum of five thousand seven hundred and twenty nine 39/100</u>