To the Hon'ble the Senate & House of Representatives of the Republic of Texas in Congress assembled

Your Petitioner humbly Represents that he formerly entered into by Contract with Mr. C. Buchanan Navy Commissioner of the Navy of the Republic and your Petitioner of the other part, that after much arduous labour & expense in carrying on the premises matter of the Work, he has fully finished & completed the said Contract to the entire satisfaction of said Commissioner. Your Petitioner humbly also represents that there is due him a balance on said Contract of Four Hundred & Seventy five Dollars and that in consequence of its non payment that he has suffered much pecuniary embarrassment & mortification not being able to pay the workmen employed by him.

Your Petitioner would also respectfully call your attention to the circumstances accompanying his petition for Credit of the Quality of the Work & of the fidelity with which he has fulfilled his part of said Contract, and your Petitioner prays the Honorable Congress to pass an act appropriating the sum of Four Hundred & Seventy five Dollars for his relief and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

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James Perry

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