and before I could do anything for him - he would have to give me some reference to his character and the equitableness of his claims, he referred me to Capt Colder & J Douglass, - I told him he could not refer me to better authority. And that I would see them and if they reported favorable I would accommodate him, I went immediately and saw Colder & Douglass! They said they knew Peerman, and that he was a poor man, but an honest one, and any representations that he made, they would vouch for; I then advanced the money called for, and undertook his claim upon the representations of said parties - and give me a power of Attorney to act for him - which please find inclosed, and file it in his case - he posted on to Harrisburg and have not seen him since, but have correspondence with him in reference to his claim, proof &c - Whether this is the same Peerman, and if the same, whether he has received heretofore the claims that he has been imposed me to get, thereby to try to defraud the Government - or have turned his business over to others to try to defraud me out of what I have advanced him, and the trouble & expense that I have been out, in perfecting his claim, I know not.