Baltimore August 15th 1851.

John M. Swisher Esq
Austin, Texas.

Sir — I am to day in receipt of yr polite letter of 28 July in reply to mine of the 1st July last, acknowledging the reception of "the Copy & description of the Bonds" therein stated.

The original Bonds being the evidence of the debt, I cannot surrender, being advised by legal counsel to withold them, & herewith send you a restatement of the same, with the attestation of witnesses.

I hold as before stated to you twelve Bonds of the Republic of Texas of the 8 pct fund of $1,500,000. created by Act of Congress Febry 5th 1840. for $500, each, payable to holder & receivable for all Government dues, interest payable semi-annually 1st Jany & 1st July, with coupons attached redeemable at the pleasure of the Government after the 1st day of Jany 1846. &c numbered & dated as follows

No 157. No 200 No 220 Octr 1. 1840 $500 each M B Lamar Prest
No 712. 715. 716. 738. 747. 755. 756. Seven Bonds Jany 1. 1841 D S Burnett Prest
No 943 & No 1108. Feby 1. 1841 two Bonds. . . . in all $6000.

I have had the Bonds examined & shall have written testimony under oath to prove their existence & possession & their description as hereto fore, & now acknowledged.

I am very respectfully Yrs
William McCoukey.