Philadelphia July 17th 1851

Dear Swisher -

Herewith enclosed I send you a claim of Col. H. Washington and myself against the late Republic of Texas for the "Steam Ship Merchant", lost in the government service, under orders dated July 27th 1842 - a copy of which I send you and which I would have furnished you when I was in Austin last December but the "Letter Book" of the late Navy Department could not be found, as I mentioned to you there. You and Mr Shaw will please put the same on file and report it to the next Legislature with the other claims of a similar character -

Your favor of May 2d reached me here some days since - I had no idea of putting you to so much trouble when I requested you to send me a statement of the claims Audited &c. If I had received it I could have turned it to a profitable account.

Texas securities are <u>litterally</u> <u>valueless</u> in the Stock Market here and in New York, in consequence of the grounds assumed by the different candidates for Governor and the State Legislature - I wish some of them were in these parts and had no other means of raising money than by even the <u>par</u> <u>securities</u>; they are