Mr Richardson's claim is for surveying the county of Refugio in 1838, 1839, and '40. This work was required by laws of the surveyor, in order that a correct map of the country could be furnished to the Land office, there being no such map at that time. Mr Jno P. Borden, the Commissioner of the Land office then, instructed him to make the survey according to the Colonization grant made by the Govt of Mexico to Power & Hewetson, a copy of which was furnished him for that purpose. There is independent evidence that the work was correctly done, for the lines established by that survey were afterwards recognized by law. It also appears that the Supreme Court of the State have been guided by the same survey in deciding several very important land suits in that and the adjoining counties. Mr R. presented his claim for confirmation to the Congress of 1842 ~~(or perhaps 1843 and '44)~~ as he was required to do by law. His field notes and vouchers were examined by the General Committees in each branch of Congress, and the claim was recommended to be paid, by both Committees in the Lower House, and subsequently by both Committees in the Senate, as is shown by the journals of both branches of Congress. A bill was passed in the Lower House authorizing the payment of one half the amount of the claim in ~~land~~ at their current or market value, they being then six for one, the other half to be paid from the first specie funds in the Treasury. This bill was defeated in the Senate by a vote of 7 nays to 6 ayes. Those voting against it ~~made no objection to~~ acknowledged the justice of the claim which was fully admitted on all hands, but they said the Govt had already became deeply involved in debt by paying so many similar claims in lands at such a ruinous discount. They said they were perfectly willing to pass a bill for the payment of the whole claim in par funds as soon as there should be any such funds in the treasury, but that they thought it was now time for the Govt to put a stop to the payment of claims in lands at such