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Phila March 29. 1845

His Excellency
Anson Jones
President of the Republic of Texas
Dear Sir

On the 13th day of November 1838 Mr Fred. Dawson of Baltimore entered into an agreement with Saml M. Williams Esq Naval Agent for the Republic of Texas to have built, furnished & equipped, full perfect & complete One Ship two Brigs & three Schooners & to be delivered to the government of Texas at the port of Galveston; all of which agreement was faithfully & punctually complied with on his part & the vessels delivered accordingly. My present object is mainly, to inform you of the fact, that previous to this contract being consummated on the part of Mr Dawson, it was agreed between him & E. D. Whitney of this City (of which house I am the senior partner) that they should become equally interested with him, the said Dawson in the aforesaid contract for furnishing this Navy to the Government of Texas. That the said E. D. Whitney & I are equally interested with him in the said contract (altho' their names did not appear in the written contract) that they paid one half the cost of building & furnishing said Navy, & that one of the Bonds received from the Texan Government in payment for the same for $28000 was rec'd & is owned by E. D. Whitney & I, as evidence of wh. I enclose you a copy of a letter from Mr Dawson addressed to my said House dated Baltimore June 13. 1840 & also copy of a letter from him addressed to Genl James Hamilton, dated Baltimore Nov. 26. 1841, both confirming