or for any supposed public service rendered, but merely to pay for property at a fair price which was taken by the officers of Government and used for the public good; and he does not ask it because he is in a needy condition for having worked through his embarrassments caused by the war he is now in moderately easy circumstances and believes, without some misfortune, he can make a decent living independently of that which he has done without near twenty years; therefore he would respectfully suggest that the claim be laid on the table or thrown under the table rather than the time of the Legislature should be taken up by long windy speeches on the subject by those who probably during the time that "tried men's souls" were living at ease and in safety.

Your petitioner submits his claim to your Honorable Body and respectfully requests that such action be taken as may seem just and proper and as in duty bound he will ever pray &c

Texarkana Nov. 28th 1855

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