As to my qualifications for the post I will remind you that I have been in Texas since the fore part of last March during which time I have not been an idle observer of the endemic diseases of the country and ought to know what articles are most required and having been bred in a drug shop should be sufficiently acquainted with their qualities and prices ~~sufficiently~~ to prevent all imposition besides I have been in active practice for the last eleven years in ~~sundry~~ different places from the confines of Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and ought to be something of a judge as to the effect of remedies on different constitutions ~~besides~~ while I doubt if there be a man in Texas who has performed more capital operations in surgery than my self

~~If not already disgusted with this egotistical~~

It is not for the "Otium cum dignitate" that I desire the situation but I seek employment and of such a sort that my actions may be proveered. it be to myself and friends while the reflect no disparagement on the cause in which I have engaged

If not already disgusted with this egotistical rhodomontade I would refer you as to the truth of a part of what I have said to the enclosed letters ~~and~~ as to my general ability and honorable sentiments to one of your best friends M. A. tale of the brick eye ~~Blues~~ Rangers

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