Washington 17th. March 1838.

To
Major Asa Bigham

Dear Major.

My Father having
of seven hundred and fifty dollars is due
on the 20th Inst. - will you oblige me by
presenting my account to the Auditor and
obtaining a draft on the Treasury for the
amount and pay it to Mr. E. Barley -
I am indebted to him about two hundred
and fifty dollars and am under serious
obligation to pay it to him - and he is in
much need of it - If by any possibility
the amount due me from Govt is not ready
will you oblige me so far as to procure or
advance at least the amount he may claim
of me - I am in want of the Entire amount
in order to meet some of my engagements and
to obtain it will cause both my word and
my feelings - he will inform you of the amount
of his claim - in case it is all ready he will
leave it at Brazoria for me - I will be in
Houston I think the last of the next week

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