On the representation of Col Weymouth that Mr Gayle has no other effects of importance in Texas, and that this amount due him from Govt will discharge the expenses of his last sickness & funeral charges, provided he is not put to the expense of taking out letters of administration, I have approved the within account, although I believe the principle to be wrong, and shall in future require letters of administration, unless perhaps in some peculiar case like the present.

Ed P.