Auditor's Office
Houston 6th January 1838.

Upon the return of the Claim of Capt F. S. Gray after a ~~Careful~~ Careful Examination of all the Laws on the Subject and more Especially the 15th and 16th sections

Of an ordinance and
Decree Creating the Offices of Auditor and Comptroller

Sec 15th "if on Examination by the Comptroller of any Claim presented in accordance with the foregoing Ordinance he Shall find it not inconformity with the Existing Laws, he Shall return it to the auditor with his reasons in writing and if he approve of the Rejection of the Comptroller he shall return the Claim as if no action had been had thereon."

Sec 16th if any Claim which have been returned to the auditor by the Comptroller Shall be approved by him as fulling all the requisitions of the Laws he Shall pass it the Second time and return it to the General Council if in Sesion if not to the Governor who Shall after an Examination of all the facts decide the Verius of the Claim and if admitted return it to the Comptroller for its proper disposition

It Seems to the auditor, that Congress when in Sessions, or the Executive in Vacation must Examine the Claim and decide what Sum Shall be admitted to audit, the Remarks of his Excellency are not Conclusive the auditor is at a loss to know what is two months pay of an Officer, if it does not include Rations, Servant and Transportation when not furnished in Kind by the Government

I cannot forbear Stating that other Gentlemen Of-

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