Mr. Speaker

The Committee upon Claims and Accounts to whom was referred the claims and vouchers of Stel Grow, have had the same under examination and find the aggregate balance due Stel Grow on account of money advances individual responsibilities for and on account of the Government of Texas to wit $26135.96 — $1981.92 was on account of his pay & services which deducted from the aggregate leaves the balance of $24154.04. The amount due for services &c is not asked to be paid at present because it stands upon the same footing as the services of others. Your Committee is of opinion that there is the strongest possible moral obligation on the part of this government to meet this claim promptly. The circumstances under which it was incurred are sufficient reasons for this opinion, when it is recollected that at the darkest possible period of our affairs Stel Grow at great sacrifice sold some and mortgaged other of his property in the United States for the purpose of procuring men, munitions, provisions &c for our Army, and to relieve two of our men of war then in New Orleans under arrest for debt and piracy (TX) The timely exertion of Stel Grow, in this behalf is well known. The mortgage upon his property is now subject to be foreclosed, and if sold must do great injury not only to the private credit of Stel Grow, but do irreparable discredit to the national honor and standing of our government. The Committee therefore recommend the passage of the following bill.

Collin McKinney
Ch

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