New Orleans 13th Jan 1845

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of addressing you in reference to my account with the Navy of Texas. When I was furloughed I received a pay ticket from Mr Hall amounting to one hundred and forty seven Dollars & 39 cts which by his request I sent to him with a power of attorney to collect it. he wrote to me telling me that there was no money in the treasury at that time, But he had got my account acknowledged in the Department, and would send me the money as soon as there was any. he afterwards wrote to me that he could sell the ticket for 75 or 80 cts on the Dollar. I immediately wrote to him to do so but I believe the letter did not arrive before his death.

Mr Hall informs me that you are settling the accounts of the Brig Wharton if so you would greatly oblige me by collecting my account from the Department if possible and forward the amount to the care of Mr Hall the Consul at this place. or if you cannot collect it you would oblige me by selling it for what you could get for it

Yours Respectfully your Ob Serv't

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N.B. if you cannot do anything with it please drop me a line to that effect to the Care of H. Finlay New Orleans Post Office

and oblige yours

J. G.