Auditors office
Houston 22d dec 1837

The Hon

Attorney General

inclosed is a document which I am at a loss to know how to dispose off.

It appears that the Paymaster General did not pay the Doctor ~~[illegible]~~ his proper demand the question involved is whether I can disturb the record of my predecessor. Your opinion on this point will be thankfully rec'd.

Your obd't Servant

(TX)

~~[illegible]~~ Auditor

I do not thing you should disturb former settlements. — To open them at any time, would lead to endless confusion and mischief — No amount could ever be considered closed — And no settlement or number of settlements final — The proper course is, if injustice has been done through misapprehension of the law or otherwise, for the party aggrieved to present his petition to Congress, who are competent to grant relief —

Very respectfully yours &c
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