To the Honorable the House of Representatives of the Republic of Texas in Congress assembled

The Petition of John H. Miller respectfully represents that in May 1836 your Petitioner was employed by certain Officers then on the service of Texas. to wit. Major Wood Capt. Allegington and others who were on board the Barque Chas. D. Williams when on shore about eighty miles from the Mississippi River in a fale of wind & being in a dangerous situation and laden with provisions Munitions of war &c and a large number of Volunteers for the Army of Texas. to go to the Mississippi (the port which she had just left) to procure the necessary aid for the purpose of saving the Cargo &c &c which duty your Petitioner performed at the risk of his own life as also that of his boat's crew, the boat being open and the wind extremely high. for which he was to have received the sum of eighty dollars the whole of which was paid by your Petitioner to his crew for the purpose of inducing them to do an act of humanity left. at a risk of their own lives. which sum has not since been paid to your Petitioner although the service required by him was faithfully and promptly performed, it was not of any benefit to the Vessel on shore, Providence having given that aid which was far beyond the power of man to extend, the wind shifting in the numerous persons on board to haul the vessel into deeper water when she slipt and proceeded on her voyage and the expected assistance had arrived your Petitioner also felt bound to submit to your honorable body the unique claim which he holds

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