Bureau of the Genl. Post Office
Austin Jany. 27th 1842

I hereby certify that Samuel Ricker Jnr. has ~~the~~ file in this Office a Claim for the sum of Three hundred and ninety nine 52/100 dollars in par funds for Monies advanced for Postage in the City of New Orleans in the year 1839 upon a Contract made with Robert Barr P.M. Genl. and it appears from the Books of this Department that a similar account was allowed by said P.M. Genl. ~~of~~ a previous date, ~~which~~ account this Department is compelled to reject for the want of the evidence of any Contract made by the then P.M. General according to the law then in existence

(TX) A. C. Hyde
Clerk P.O. Bureau

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