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H. E. M. B. Lamar. Austin Oct 15th 1841.

Sir! I handed my account for Engraving three Cannon, (amounting to $300. Texas currency) to Major Ransom on yesterday for your Excellency's approval:- [illegible] informed me this morning, that you thought it too much. I beg leave to remind your Excellency, that when you first spoke to me in relation to this work;- that you remarked, that you wished to have it done in the cheapest manner, and asked me the price:- I told you Ninety dollars each, Texas money, you then directed me to perform the work.

After the Cannon were nearly Engraved, you wished me to cut the letters deeper;- this I performed, at an expense of nearly double the labor, for which I make an extra charge from the original agreement, of ten dollars Texas money. I assure your Excellency, that I would not perform a similar job for double the amount charged for this;- ergo, I consider my price, one half too small, as charged:- And hope Yr Excellency will excuse me for troubling you thus; which nothing, but my pecuniary embarasments would have induced me to do.

With high respect I am
Yr friend Augt. Seeger

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