

MR. JAMES H. CAUSTEN,

Upperville Va July ~~1828~~ 1833

~~Baltimore~~. Washington D.C.

SIR,

We have this day signed a Memorial and Petition, addressed to the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives, representing the obligation upon the United States to satisfy our just demands, which were against the Government of ~~Spain~~ <sup>France</sup>, but surrendered to her by the United States for valuable national considerations—of territory and sovereignty, in the treaty concluded between the two governments, of the ~~22d of February, 1819,~~ <sup>30<sup>th</sup> of September 1800</sup>—and praying compensation therefor.

Under the course of proceeding that you have suggested, we indulge the expectation of relief through the Congress of the United States, either by the passage of a law for our indemnification, or reference to a tribunal; and, relying on your diligence and good management, we confide the direction of our cause to you. For our information, and to enable us to instruct you, should it be at any time necessary, you will please communicate with our Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, informing him from time to time, the progress of the pursuit.

Should a law for our relief, or reference to a tribunal be had, (in either of which events, your agency will terminate) we promise to allow and pay you, out of the proceeds thereof, or otherwise, at the rate of two and a half per centum, on whatever sum or sums may be awarded to us, together with the sum of Twenty-five Dollars each, which we now advance for the purpose of meeting contingent charges.

We are, Sir, &c.

For the estate of  
Lwin Powell Reed  
Cuthbert Powell