

The following Pages contain a Copy of all the papers sent in by me to the Government, respecting the claim to which they refer and as, hitherto, it has not been found convenient to honor me with an answer, I now, in order to facilitate the answer and obviate the trouble and inconvenience to the Constitutional Advisers of His Excellency, of taking communication of and perusing so many written papers, respectfully furnish them with the present printed *Factum* of the claim, in the hope that when its turn for consideration will arrive, they may be simultaneously in possession of the facts.

It will be observed, that independently of the other reason stated, the claim involves an abstract question of right. A question, not only important as regards myself, but also as a principle of Government, namely : Whether one administration will maintain, towards an individual, the engagement of a preceding administration—or in other words, whether or not, the Government, which comprises all the administrations, will maintain its own engagement.

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W. POWER.

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