House of Representatives,

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Jany 17th, 1871.

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I have just received yours dated 11th inst.

In reply I would say that nothing can be done in relation to the matter in question unless the party or parties reflecting upon said position are present.

Your references are well enough but too far distant— at least some of them, as you will admit, for a representative whose time is very much occupied.

Very respectfully
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