See response on back

House of Representatives,

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Mar. 13th, 1871.

Dear Swanson

I suppose you have been wondering ere this why you did not hear from me, and what progress I was making.

I am sorry to say that I have not been able to get the petition signed by our senator as yet and have not presented it to Major P. for Signature for the reason that he spoke of you in such a way one day as to lead me think it would be useless. Col Pattin signed it — I have not presented it to your friends from Western Texas because I thought it should have the indorsment of your friends at home first.

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Mr Ruby did not decline to sign it but postponed the matter. You can draw your own inferences. Paul if you desire present it to your Western friends and hand it in but would not advise it. It is better not to put it in than have it half endorsed. Please let me hear your wishes in the premises.

Yours Truly and Fraternally

Sinclair

Herewith I send a copy of the resolution unan-
mously passed by the Reb. Association, I wish you would p[illegible] this a[illegible]
the petition itself to Mr Ruby and Maj Plumly [illegible]
either get their signature or refusal, then ask Sen[illegible]
Tendick, and if he endorses, ask the Western [illegible]
~~tatives and~~ if he refuses ~~Senator,~~ ~~Should Tendick refuse,~~ do
not present it to them ~~Western Legislators,~~ but hand
it in to the Governor as it is, If he refuses to recommend
my appointment good and well, ~~if he recommends~~
and the members refuse to confirm good and well
I can ~~hole~~ weel and bide my time and well [illegible]
and should I be successful, [illegible]
~~Let~~ whatever may be the
~~Be the~~ result ~~as it may~~ I will not forget those wh[illegible]
befriended me. It is true my friendship may [illegible]
of small consequence but its a long lane that has no[illegible]
turning. I am very much obliged to you for the
interest you have taken in my welfare, I only wish that you had
gone ahead without delay.

Fraternally

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