Republic of Texas }
County of Matagorda }

Personally appeared before me the undersigned authority Samuel A. Brigham one of the firm of S. B. Brigham of Matagorda, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that during the invasion in March 1836 the Brig Durango was lying in Matagorda Bay subject to the orders, and under the control of this deponent, that he intended putting his goods on board of said vessel, that he kept her there for that purpose after her cargo was discharged; and this deponent further saith that he should so have shipped said goods and that he had sufficient time so to do and have got her out of Port, had she not been seized by Captain William S. Brown of the Texian Navy and John A Wharton an officer under the Government of Texas, and that said Brig was by them used for Government purposes; and this deponent further saith that it was wholly owing to said seizure, that the goods mentioned in the annexed account were ~~destroyed by the~~ necessarily left at Matagorda and destroyed by the enemy.

Sworn and subscribed to before me at Matagorda this 2d November 1839

Green R. Jaques Justice of the Peace

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