To the Honble the Board of Examiners Exercising Equity jurisdiction
sitting,

Your Petitioner John W. Moore, Resident citizen of
the County of Harrisburgh & Republic of Texas, humbly
sheweth respectfully & respectfully to your Honble body, that on or
about the 16th of April AD 1836 I was owner & in possession
of a Yawl, called the William &c, the property & transfer of
said Yawl is herewith filed, with other clearing &c

Your Petitioner would further state that he was at
the above date a resident of the Town of Harrisburgh in this county
& that said Yawl was then lying in Buffalo Bayou, with her
tackle Rigging & apparel, having been then insured, at the
offices of about eight hundred Dollars in clearing new mast
Oilskins &c, which Yawl I had been offered more for than
charged in the account, by Mr Cartwright & Mr Vince
but having been requested by the Brit - Burnet & Sey.
of the Navy to retain the Yawl Subject to their orders
I made no sale of her, & on or about the said
16th day of April 1836, His Excellency D G Burnet
commanded me to get said Yawl ready to receive
the Women & Children then at Harrisburgh on board
said Yawl, which order was immediately complied
with by me, I received on board all the women & children
then remaining at that place & proceeded down the Bay
with a very insufficient crew, as sailors at that time were
not to be got, & had some Provisions for two or 3 days
& we made but little progress on our way, at which time
the Steamboat Cayuga, came up the Bayou & took
the Yawl in tow on a long side of the Steamer, down
Lynchburgh, the Secretary of the Navy, Thos R. Potter was
on board the Steamer Cayuga, by whose orders the Yawl
was taken in tow, he asked me if I was willing to let him take
charge of the Yawl, & surrender her to him for the use of
the government to which request I consented, the Secretary
of the Navy then placed on board Capts Holland &
Lieutenant Brennan who as officers had full controul
of the Yawl & remained on board untill the Yawl was ordered
to be set afire by the Secretary of the Navy, the sails & some
of the running rigging was taken off the Yawl & carried
by the Steamboat to Galveston Island & were for tents for the
officers of Genl for tents &c, previous to the Yawl being
been burned, on the morning of the same day she was run
aground on Morgans Point below New Washington where
she remained untill the evening of the same day when
she was burnt, by order of the Secretary of the Navy. (IX)

When the Yawl got aground the Secretary of the Navy
called for Volunteers to remain on board to put the Yawl afloat on the 16 or 17 was
all that could be induced to remain, the Mississippi was

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