Republic of Texas
County of Harris

This is to certify that I was the Comptroller of Robertson county in the year 1836 at the time that the purchase was made by the Government of the Steamer Cayuga of Porter & Gilles and I have seen the transaction & will state it. The Steamer was purchased by the Government for the sum of five thousand Dollars or for the sum of five thousand five hundred Dollars I am not now clear which. The sum of five hundred Dollars was paid in hand to Mr Gyles & a written Contract entered into between him & the Government a Copy or rather Counterpart of which Contract I think will be found in the Auditors Office if there are any further payments made upon the purchase of the Steamer I have not knew it I am sure there was not while I remained in Office

If the five hundred Dollars paid at the time the purchase was made is all the payment that has been made upon the purchase there is yet the sum of four thousand five hundred Dollars or five thousand Dollars as the Contract may have been ~~left~~ due to Gyles or his Representatives

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the twenty fifth day of April A.D. 1841

H. R. Morris

Judge 1st Judicial District