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City and County of New York. } Samuel Arnold of said City being duly sworn deposes and says that in the month of November A.D. 1835 a Public Meeting was held in the City of New York, and a Committee consisting of about thirty persons appointed to solicit and receive donations for the relief of the Citizens of Texas – That said Committee appointed Alexander McDonald and this deponent, who were partners doing business in said City of New York as Merchants, to purchase supplies and fit out a vessel for the relief of said Citizens of Texas – that said McDonald and this deponent, doing business under the firm of McDonald & Arnold purchased such necessary supplies, and also chartered a vessel called the "Mattawamkeag", which vessel sailed from this Port with about Two hundred emigrants on board, on or about the First day of December 1835.

That the amount paid by said McDonald & Arnold for such supplies and for Chartering the said vessel amounted to Two thousand and seventy three dollars and fifteen cents. That in consequence of the disastrous fire which occurred in said City of New York in the month of December 1835. and the unaccountable apathy of the citizens generally at that time to the cause, only the small sum of Eight hundred and eighty four dollars was received by said Committee, which said amount was appropriated by said Committee to the payment of other liabilities incurred by them in the matter of relief for the said Citizens of Texas