New York March 20th 1849

Jno M. Swisher Esq
Auditor.

Dear Sir

Sometime in the Month of November last I forwarded to your address through the Post, my notices of appointment & termination of Services in the Navy of Texas together with my affidavit that I had not recd my pay and that I was in no wise indebted the Govn

In the letter accompanying said documents I stated that I had lost possession of the Purser's Certificate which I recd on quitting the Service

I now send you herewith my affidavit as to the manner in which I lost the Certificate with notice that no parties holding the same can claim the pay due me, the amount for which the Certificate was given as security I am willing should be paid

Comdore Moore & Purser Hurd are both acquainted with the facts as stated — I regret being thus obliged to trouble you

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
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P.S. The name of the person to whom I gave the Certificate is I believe, Morell
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