The undersigned John H. Baker formerly of the Navy of the Republic of Texas, as will be shewn by papers now in possession of the Auditor & Comptroller of the State of Texas; received, when I left the Naval Service of Texas, a Certificate of the amount of pay due to me as an officer in the said Naval Service

On leaving Galveston I made an agreement with one Capt Boylan, the master of a steamboat bound to New Orleans, that he was to give me a passage to New Orleans in consideration of service as marines on said steamboat.

Notwithstanding that I rendered all such assistance in the navigation of said steamboat as had been agreed upon, the owner of said boat refused to allow my baggage to be taken from the boat untill I had paid the sum of Twenty Dollars — In order to obtain my baggage I was compelled to give said owner, whose name I do not now remember; my purser Certificate as security for the payment of said Twenty Dollars, on condition that said Certificate should be returned to me on the payment of Twenty Dollars. But said owner of the boat returned immediately to Galveston, and I have not seen him since.

I have understood that in Galveston he endeavored to dispose of said Certificate (which I had endorsed) and that it was presented to Purser Hurd who told the parties that it had been fraudulently obtained from me, and that the parties thus having possession of said Certificate would not be able to make use of it in any way.

I informed Purser Hurd of the manner in which the Certificate had been obtained from me, and he told me that it should not