be used by the parties, ~~taking~~ possession of it, to my detriment, but on presentation to the department it should be stopped.

And I hereby give notice, that said Purdens Certificate has been fraudulently obtained from me and that no person or persons, have any right claim or title to the pay due me according to said Certificate save only myself

I believe that the said owner of the Steamboat to whom I gave the said Certificate is called, Morrell

Newyork March 23d 1849

John W Baker

State of New York
City of New York } ss

I John W Brower Commissioner of the State of New York do hereby certify that before me this day came John W Baker to me known and identified by the oath of James Montgomery Junior, then also present, who is personally known to me, and who being by me duly sworn did depose and say that he resides in the City of New York, that he knows John W. Baker, aforesaid, to be the person described in and who signed the foregoing statement. Whereupon the said John W Baker being by me duly sworn did depose and say that he has read the foregoing statement to which he has subscribed his name and that the contents thereof so far as they relate to matters within his own knowledge are true and that so far as they relate to any matters therein stated upon information he believes them to be true

In Testimony whereof I have hereto affixed my official seal and subscribed my name this nineteenth day of March in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty nine —

J W Brower