The undersigned hereby certifies and solemnly declares, that he knows the Pilotboat "Two Sons" was chartered by Commodore E. W. Moore, for and on account of the Republic of Texas, to proceed to Yucatan and back with dispatches, about the Spring of 1843. The reasons why he came to the knowledge of this fact arose from business transactions between the undersigned and Captain Boylan, the Officer put in command of her by Commodore Moore, — that from said business transactions he knows the said Pilotboat did leave the port of New Orleans for the place of her destination and returned safely back to New Orleans. He further knows, that the said Pilotboat, immediately after her return, was sent on a second trip to Sisal, and that on this second trip she was sold to the Yucatan Government, and was used as a Gunboat during the action between Com. Moore and the Mexican Steamers, the said Captain Boylan above named commanding the Flotilla of Gunboats under Com. Moore.

Business transactions for both trips of said Pilot Boat, and conversations then had assures the undersigned, that he can not be mistaken, and subsequent conversations with Captain Boylan, after the Action, confirms his recollection. The business transactions referred to were with Captain Boylan himself —

Given under my hand in the City of New Orleans, this the twenty Seventh day of August 1850

witness

A. Capdeville

Chas Sorenskiot

J. S. Frost