Statement and deposition of Joseph Clark a citizen of the State of Louisiana and residing in the city of New Orleans — being duly sworn declares:

That in January 1843 being applied to by Commodore E. W. Moore Commanding Texas Navy to know if he would send a vessel from the port of New Orleans where said Moore then was, to the Governor of Yucatan, by whom he could send a bearer of dispatches to the authorities of that State; the object of which, as was then confidentially communicated to him the S^d Clark, was to obtain money to relieve the Texan ships then in the port of New Orleans from debt incurred in their repairs at the S^d port of New Orleans. As the object was secret, and to guard against capture by Mexican cruizers, no charter party could be entered into without exposing both its character and object. It was then and therefore agreed by and between the said Joseph Clark and Commodore Moore ~~that~~ commanding the Texan Navy, that the S^d Clark should send the "Pilot Boat "Two Sons," (the same being a schooner built and schooner rigged) to the Governor of Yucatan, the S^d vessel to be manned and commanded by such Officers & crew as the S^d Commodore might see proper to put upon her to carry a special Passenger as bearer of dispatches from him the said Commodore Moore, and for which the S^d Clark should be paid the sum of One Thousand dollars, as is evidenced by the sworn statement of D. McDonald Esqr the bearer of S^d dispatches hereto annexed. That in pursuance of said agreement he the S^d Clark sent to the Balize for the schooner aforesaid where she was then laying up, and had her brought up to the city and fitted out for the voyage and rendered her ready to Commodore Moore. A Captain & crew were then put on board of her, and the vessel was placed under the Command of Capt. Boylan by Com. Moore, and proceeded on the voyage to Yucatan, which trip she accomplished and returned in due time as is evidenced by Mr McDonald, who swears he was the bearer of S^d dispatches and was privy to the agreement between said Moore and said Clark: and also proven to be correct by L. S. Frost, and Capt Charles G. Cox, both hereto