affiant in regard to the same & has always claimed to be the owner thereof; & has frequently informed affiant that the said draft or claim had been placed by him in the hands of Geo. Merriman Hunt for auditing or for collection;

That from the character of the said Florance, & from the circumstances above stated & other circumstances sufficient affiant believes & is well satisfied that the said Florance is the true and bona fide assignee & owner of the said draft of Seventeen hundred and sixteen 50/100 dollars; & that affiant is disinterested.

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And at the same time also personally appeared William Henry Cook, president of the said City of New Orleans, to me personally known, who being duly sworn declares that he has well known William E. Florance, of the said city, for many years past; that in the year eighteen hundred and forty nine (1849) the said Florance left in possession of this affiant the annexed "Third of Exchange" marked A and also the annexed receipt of Geo. Merriman Hunt marked B and claimed & represented himself to be the owner thereof as endorsee ~~thereof~~ of the said draft, and has ever since claimed to be the owner thereof;

That affiant verily believes and is fully satisfied, from the character of the said Florance & from all the circumstances of the case, that the said