Seguin Texas
Sept 19th 1837

Commissioner of Claims
Austin Texas

Sir,

Enclosed I send a power of Atty from Mr C. C. Cox of Nueces County to examine into ask & recieve whatever may be due him by virtue of services rendered the late Republic as a midship-man in the Navy. Mr Cox first reported in 1839 to Com E W Moore on the Brig Wharton - was ordered to the Schooner San Jacinto - was afterwards transferred to the Steamship Zavala & was subsequently transferred to the Ship Austin upon which vessel he continued to serve as midshipman till discharged. At the time of his discharge there was something due him for services the exact amount of which he does not recollect - thinks it was $240. All his papers - the memorandum of the amount due him - his discharge &c &c were destroyed in the burning of the house of his brother in law Genl Sherman. My object in writing is to find out the amount due him as shown upon the books and also to ask what proof is necessary in the premises. Will the affidavit of Mr Cox as to the loss of these papers suffice? And will it be necessary to prove services if his name is found