To the Honorable Daniel Webster, Secretary of State. —

The Memorial of Benjamin Hale & McEvery Hale, merchants of Newburyport in the State of Massachusetts, respectfully represents, that they are both native citizens of the United States, that they are the sole owners of the Brig Retrieve belonging to said Newburyport of ~~the~~ ~~[illegible]~~ burden of 116 $\frac{60}{95}$ tons, that said Brig on or about the first day of May in the year Eighteen hundred & forty two, sailed from Jacksonville in Florida under the Command of Capt Thomas Means also a native citizen of the United States, with a cargo of Lumber to Galveston in the Republic of Texas, at which place she arrived on the fourth day of June following. — You Memorialists further represent that said Brig was provided with all such papers and documents as are required by the laws of the United States, that she was pursuing a lawful trade, & that she has not at any time engaged in any business in violation of the laws either of Texas or of the United States. — They further represent, that while at Galveston, Capt Means through the agency of his