United States of America
The State of Alabama }
City & County of Mobile }

By this Public instrument of Protest,
Be it known, That on the twenty seventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two, before me Thomas Stringer a Notary Public duly commissioned and qualified in and for the county of Mobile in the State aforesaid and residing in the City of Mobile, personally came and appeared Thomas Means Master of the Brigantine called the Retrieve of Newburyport, of the burthen of One hundred and seventeen tons or thereabouts, who then duly noted a protest in my office against damages generally, and particularly for himself, and owners, against the conduct of the Government of Texas.
And now in order to extend the same, he hath brought before me, the said Notary Reuben Baxter Mate and Dickey McNitt all of and belonging to the said Brigantine called the Retrieve, and said appearers being all duly sworn according to Law, do on their solemn oaths, severally depose, declare, and say, that the said Brigantine was at the time of her sailing tight, staunch and sound well manned and properly found and in all respects well fitted for her intended voyage, and that they sailed in said vessel from the port of Jacksonville on the St Johns River in the Territory of Florida with a cargo of lumber, to Galveston in the Republic of Texas, which latter place they reached in safety on the fourth day of June last past, and consigned the said Brigantine and her Cargo to a Mr L M Hitchcock a Merchant of said port of Galveston - That having discharged said cargo, the said vessel was put up for freight, and through the agency of