these instructions he did repair to the seat of Government, had an interview with the President — presented a letter from Judge Caves, Minister as aforesaid, relative to his business, and likewise his account for payment, for the use of his private vessel only. — That on doing this in the most respectful manner, he was saluted by the said President of Texas with the greatest abuse, and that he was finally dismissed by him without any satisfaction or even hope of payment in any manner, except a supercilious — that he would see and do what he could, after making some apology for his furious behaviour — the said Master doth further declare and say that he then returned to Galveston, & acquainted the result of his interview to both the Consul and Minister of the United States, and then finding that the repairs required on his said vessel could not be done in Galveston without great loss of time, as well as at exhorbitant prices, and then only partially, and being also without funds to refit for any other port, he resolved on proceeding to Mobile on the fourteenth day of August last past, having been detained untill then in the endeavour to raise funds, and while latter port they reached after hailing their lives. — in the condition then said vessel was in, on the twenty eighth day of said August, and moored in safety when he, the said Master noted his protest, and proceeded to take all necessary steps to render his said vessel again sea worthy, and in that condition, in which she was found, when the Texians forcibly took possession of her, and deprived him of the privilege of prosecuting his lawfull business. — This appeared the said Thomas Means,