Master, does further solemnly protest and say, that in consequence of the detention, damage loss of time and other incidental Charges, his owners and himself have lost a valuable Cargo, have had to incur expenses which otherwise would have been avoided, but for the violence, and that the losses thus sustained, cannot be replaced consistent with justice, for a less sum than Four thousand dollars, and that they have no other alternative, for redemption of this loss, and sacrifice, but in a reference of the subject, and all matters connected therewith to the Government of the United States, to which these appearers confidently look for redress.-

And therefore these appearers did declare to protest, and by these Presents do solemnly Protest in manner aforesaid, against all persons whom it doth, shall or may concern, for all losses, Costs, Charges, Claims, and expenses whatsoever, already suffered or to be suffered by reason of the premises, the same having occasioned as before mentioned, and not by or through any fault or neglect of these appearers, or any other person on board the said Brigantine called the Retrieve, or any insufficiency in said Brigantine her tackle or apparel; but that the same were occasioned by, and are entirely owing and attributable to the circumstances, casualities and accidents herein before mentioned, enumerated and set forth, and ought to be borne by the said Republic of Texas