I James B. Shaw, hereby solemnly declare that, previously to Feb=
=ruary 1852, by the payment of a val=
=uable consideration, I became possessed
of five stock certificates of the public debt
of the State of Texas, whose numbers, classes,
dates, names of issue, and amounts were
as follows, viz. $

No. 101. – 2d Class – Feb 16th 1849 – to Tho. Kenney for 154.16
No. 1327 – 2d Class – April 16th 1851. to Bartlett Sims for 79.50
No. 1702 – 2d Class – July 18th 1851. to Bartlett Sims for 139.00
No. 1331 – 2d Class – April 17th 1851. to M. B. Raper for 127.50
No. 1767. – 1st Class – July 21st 1851 to Jas. A. Mason for 204.00

Total of their amt. Seven hund.d & four 16/100 dollars (704.16)

and I moreover declare that on or about the 15th. of February 1852 while on my return from Washington City hither on business of the State, being then on the road between La Grange and this place, my trunk then containing all of the above certificates among other valuable papers was stolen or lost from the stage coach in which I was travelling, and that the said certificates, being so lost, have never since been re=
=covered or heard of by me; and I further declare that I was at the time of the afore=
=said loss, the legal and equitable owner of all the certificates aforementioned, which were trans=
=ferred by endorsement, though some of them may have been endorsed in blank the name of the transferee not being filled up, thus leaving room for a fraudulent completion of the endorsement, but on this point my recol=
=lection is not positive; and I also declare