The late Republic of Texas

To Owners of the Steam
Ship Lafitte Dr.

To fifteen days Services of the Steam Ship Lafitte in the Month of March 1842. Said Steamer having been taken by the Government and placed in Commission on Special Service, against the Enemy, & for the transportation of Troops in the Service of Texas, by order of President Houston at two hundred dollars per day making the sum of three thousand dollars $3000.00

The State of Texas } I, James C. Hoxland do solemnly
County of Galveston } swear that in the month of March 1842. I was Commander of the Steam Ship Lafitte, then lying in the Port of Galveston - At which time said Steamer was Enrolled at said Port, and registered in the Names of Samuel M. Williams and Thomas F. McKinney trading under the style or firm of McKinney & Williams - That while I was in Command of said Steamer, she was taken by the Government of Texas, by order of the President, and placed in Commission on Special Service of said Republic of Texas, and the Command of said Steamer given to the late Capt. John E. Wade, who was duly Commissioned by the President of said Republic, and who by authority of said Commission, assumed the Command of said Steamer - That said Steamer in said Month of March 1842 was employed in the Service of said Republic of Texas, in the transportation of Men, Arms and Ammunition upon the Coast of Texas, and against the Enemy, for the full term of fifteen days, and that said Service of said Steam Ship Lafitte, for the time she was used and controled and in the possession of said late Republic of Texas, [illegible] and