United States of America:

State of Louisiana:

Parish and City of New Orleans:

Be it known that on this Fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty Six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Seventieth, Before me, Albert Childe Ainsworth, a Notary Public in and for said Parish and City of New Orleans State of Louisiana, duly Commissioned and qualified, Personally came James Pennoyer, resident in this City, who, after being by me Notary duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God to depose the truth in the following matter, did solemnly declare and say:

That a certain Steamer called the "Charleston" was built at the City of Philadelphia in the year Eighteen Hundred and Thirty Six, under the superintendance of Captain Merken, whose ability and skill were of the very highest order, and eminently calculated for the discharge of the duty in question:

That being well acquainted with said Captn Merken, Deponent frequently visited said Steamer while on the stocks, watched her progress, while being built, and