was frequently on board her, after she was launched while receiving her Engines and Boilers. _____

_____ Deponent declares, that great care was expended in the selection of every article which was used in her con=struction, and that she was built of the best materials found in this Country; Say Live=Oak: Locust: Red=Cedar Yellow Pine & White pine: Her timbers, clam[illegible] =ensings were well proportioned, and very ably secured: Her floor=timbers were of Jersey white=Oak: Her First=Futtocks & Knuckles, were of Live, and White Oak: Her top timbers of of Locust and Red Cedar, double framed throughout, and doubly clamped and "keyed". Her side and floor ceilings were of four inch stuff well caulked and payed: Sides strongly braced diagonally: She had six parallel floor Keelsons: four inch deck plank well laid, and the deck=beams strongly knee'd from stem to stern: _____

_____ The butts of her bottom and side plank, were double bolted, and fore locked inside, of heavy copper: She was coppered with "Seven Years' Copper" (so called) and was fin=ished in very complete order in the latter part of the year 1837.

Deponent at that time deemed her much too heavily timbered for a Merchant Vessel, and considered her [illegible] strongest and best fastened Vessel he had ever seen:

She made two or three trips between Philadelphia and Charleston before she was negotiated for, and pur=chased by Deponent as Agent for Gen: James Hamilton of South Carolina: _____

_____ While engaged in negotiation for her, said