Deponent had exhibited to him, by the Owners the footing and amount of their different bills of Cost: This reached the sum of over One Hundred and Thirty Five Thousand Dollars /$135.000/ ——

—— When the negotiation was completed, and the purchase made, Deponent was placed by Gen: Hamilton in Command of the said Steamer "Charleston", and ordered to proceed to New York, then authorized to make such altera=tions and improvements as would render her a "War Steamer" of the first Class: ——

—— Deponent fully carried out the necessary alterations, and when she was fully completed Deponent considered her a most thoroughly sub=stantial Steam Vessel, and exceedingly well adap=ted for Naval purposes and particularly for Har=bour defence: ——

—— Deponent retained Command of her, and in compliance with orders to that effect, navigated her to Galveston, in the Republic of Texas, in the Month of March Eighteen Hundred and Thirty Nine: ——

—— Deponent declares that upon her arrival, or soon after, said Steamer "Charleston" being then in the same good order, and as well conditioned as herein above mentioned, was transferred by Gen: James Hamilton to the Texas Government: The said Steamer