State of New York
City and County of New York ss. }

Samuel Swartwout of the City of New York being duly sworn according to Law, deposes and says, that in the early part of the year 1836, about the Month of March or April, as this deponent believes, he loaned and advanced to Kosk Thorn, a Citizen of the Republic of Texas, one thousand dollars in Cash, to be used and disposed of for the benefit of the people and Government of Texas, in the prosecution of the war for Independence; and, that he has always since understood that the said money was thus appropriated by the said Thorn. That the said Thorn drew a draft on this deponent for said amount of 1000 dolls, which was duly honored and paid; but, that said draft, together with all the letters received by said deponent from said Thorn, acknowledging the receipt of said money & the disposal of it for the objects designated by said deponent, were destroyed and lost, in the great fire in Broad Street, in this City during the conflagration on the 25 July 1845. Thus depriving this deponent of said documents to be produced as vouchers in behalf of said demand. The said deponent further deposes, that in order to establish said fact & claims, he has written to the said Thorn requesting him to furnish the Comptroller of the State of Texas, with a proper certificate or voucher under oath of the same — That being greatly reduced in his pecuniary circumstances, this deponent finds