State City & County of New York ss=

Samuel Swartwout of the City County and State aforesaid, being duly sworn according to Law doth depose and say, that in the month of May in the year Eighteen hundred & thirty six at the earnest solicitation and request of William H Wharton, Stephen F Austin & Branch T. Archer then Loan Commissioners of the Republic of Texas, deponent authorized & empowered them, as such Commissioners as aforesaid, they said Commissioners then being in the City of New York on business connected with their office as such Commissioners, to draw drafts on him said deponent as their necessities might require to the Extent of One Thousand dollars & no more as will be seen by their joint letter to deponent dated at the City of Washington in the month of May Eighteen hundred & thirty six, - a copy of which is now on file in the Treasury Department at the City of Austin -

And deponent doth further solemnly depose & say that the authorised letter of credit to said Commissioners was fully honored and paid by him to said amount of One thousand dollars, as said drafts or bills from said Commissioners were presented — And that said letters and drafts, except that dated the Eighteenth day of May Eighteen hundred & thirty six from the City of Washington above referred to, were all lost & destroyed in the great Fire in Broad Street in the City of New York in the month of July Eighteen hundred & forty five — And that the only evidence that deponent can now produce of said advances in the shape of a voucher, is to be found in said letter dated at