~~Shall be held subject to this purpose~~

(Signed) Sam Houston

Not being able to negotiate with this power I have urged in repeated letters to get to see [illegible] adopting the plan pursued by Commodore [illegible] and [illegible] in the Revolutionary Struggle of the United States of giving a Bottomry Bond upon the two vessels as he did in the Frigate [illegible] his [illegible] which he was sustained ~~his government~~ and his contracts and obligations [illegible] by his government. In this way Mr Wilson raised the money that enabled me to [illegible] and [illegible] an attack upon Galveston by the Mexican Squadron of which I had an [illegible] proof on doing of he made heavy sacrifices of which I knew at the time & therefore hope [illegible] that the Commissioner of Claims [illegible] allow and pay his claim for the balance $1349, 75/100 as [illegible] on his account

E W Moore

Sworn and subscribed to by the said E. W. Moore this nineteenth day of November A.D. 1856

Late Capt. Co. of late Texas Navy

Witness my hand and official seal

Dan Seixas

Commissioner in the State of New York appointed by the Governor of the State of Texas