Not being able to negotiate with this power and being urged in repeated letters "to get to sea if possible" I adopted the plan pursued by Commodore Paul Jones in the Revolutionary Struggle of the United States, of giving a Bottomry Bond upon the two vessels as he did on the Frigate under his Command - in which he was sustained and his contract and obligations were paid by his government — In this way Mr Willcox raised the money that enabled me to get to sea and prevent an attack upon Galveston by the Mexican Squadron, of which I have ample proof — In doing it he made heavy sacrifices of which I knew at the time. I therefore hope and believe that the Commissioner of Claims will allow and pay his claim for the balance of $13491 31/100 as stated in his account

E. W. Moore
Post Capt Comdg late Texas Navy

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

Witness my hand and official seal
Dan Sexas
Commissioner in the State of New York
appointed by the Governor of the State of Texas