that the said Ship of War Austin and Brig of War Wharton shall at the earliest opportunity, set sail and depart from this Port of New Orleans, and proceed on the said cruise off the Coast of Mexico, and return to this port of New Orleans, within a delay not exceeding six calendar months to be computed from the [illegible] of the date hereof.

And I the said Edwin Ward Moore, for and in consideration of the said sum of Five thousand Dollars to me in hand paid by the said R. W. Estlin at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby bind myself, my heirs executors and administrators my goods and chattels and particularly the said Texas Ship of War Austin and Brig of War Wharton, with their hulls or bottoms together with their tackle and apparel and armament to pay unto the said R. W. Estlin his heirs executors and administrators, the said sum of five thousand Dollars immediately after the return of the said Ship of War Austin and Brig of War Wharton to this Port of New Orleans together with two hundred Fifty Dollars of lawful United States money for every calendar month the said vessels shall be out on their intended cruise to be accounted as aforesaid and so in proportion for less time than a month.

And I the said Edwin Ward Moore for myself my heirs executors and administrators by these presents covenant, grant and agree to and with the said R. W. Estlin his heirs, executors and administrators, that I the said Edwin Ward Moore at the time of sealing and delivery of these presents, am the officer in command of the said Ship of War Austin and Brig Wharton and have [illegible] authority from the Government of the Republic of Texas to mortgage & hypothecate the above named vessels in Bottomry as aforesaid, and that the said vessels shall at all times after the expiration of the six months hereinabove allowed, or at any time previous when the said vessels shall or [illegible] return to this Port, be liable and chargeable for the payment of the said sum of five thousand Dollars and interest thereon at the rate hereinabove stipulated according to the true meaning and intent of these presents.