Nathaniel Thomas Esq.
Consul Gen. Texas
New Orleans

Please pay to E. P. Little or order Six Hundred & Forty Dollars being the amount of drafts by him to the Texian Navy for Service & Independence, while Cruising on Matamoras.

Dolls 640-00

1st Lt. John M. Taylor
2d Lt. John G. K. Cottrup

Navy Department, Houston 7 [illegible] 1839

This is to certify that the above order was drawn upon the Consul of Texas residing at New Orleans by the 1st and 2d Lieutenants in favor of E. P. Little for specie advanced the officers and crew of the public armed Schooner Independence, whilst captives at Matamoras, for the purpose of purchasing provisions. The account is on file in this Department, a copy of which is appended. The order was not paid by Mr. Thomas for want of funds of which he advised the Department.

(TX) Memucan Hunt
Sec. of the Navy

91-4-1.