Being requested by Col. S. H. Eberle, to speak in relation to certain Casks of Liquor, having been destroyed in his Store in Columbia in the Campaign of 1836. I hereby certify to the fact, and furthermore, they were destroyed by order of our Commanding Officer, to prevent our men from going into excess.

S. Henry Hitchcock
Late Capt. in New York Batt.

Austin Jan 6th. 1840