Navy Department Republic of Texas,

Austin March 20th 1839.

Gentlemen,

You are hereby authorised to audit the accounts for the purchase of the Steamer Charleston under the contract made in New York, between James Hamilton the authorised agent of James Wolford of London, and Samuel McWilliams Commissioner of the Republic,

You will over and above, the cost of said boat, allow all the incidental expenses, cost and charges, up to the period when her accounts shall be closed on her return to New Orleans, as Genl Hamilton the agent of Mr Wolford, or Mr. H. Williams of New Orleans, may have occasion to make sum disbursements to enable the boat to return to Galveston,

On Your auditing the said accounts, You will report the aggregate amount of the same, to the Commissioner of the Five Million Loan, that they may issue the Bond, to the agent, or attorney of the said James Wolford, and return the account Current, and the Vouchers to this Department,

I have the honor to remain
Very respectfully Your obt Svt

Samuel Swartwout
Secy of the Navy

To/
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of Kentucky &
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of New York