holder of said Certificate, in further proof whereof your petitioner begs respectfully to refer your Honorable Body to the statements of said Warwick Martin marked, **A**, and of George P. Macmurdo marked, **B**, both duly verified and hereunto annexed. Your petitioner further represents that immediately after the destruction of said premises by fire, to wit, on the Sixteenth day of February 1850, notice of the loss of said Certificate, was given by advertisements published in the "Commercial Bulletin" and the "Daily Picayune", Newspapers printed and published in the City of New Orleans, and immediately thereafter in the "State Gazette" a Newspaper printed and published in the City of Austin, a Certified Copy of which advertisements is hereunto annexed marked **C**, since which time your petitioner has never seen or heard of said Certificate.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that your Honorable Body will take such action in the premises, as will authorize the issuance to your petitioner, as the assignee of said Elo Clark &c. a duplicate of the Certificate destroyed and herein described. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

J. R. Macmurdo

The State of Louisiana
City and Parish of New Orleans

I, John R. Macmurdo do solemnly swear, that all the statements contained in the foregoing Petition to the Legislature of the State of Texas, are true in substance and in fact, so help me God.

J. R. Macmurdo

Sworn to and subscribed before me this Nineteenth day of August A.D. 1852. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my name and affix impress of my official seal at the City of New Orleans

William Freeman
Commissioner for the State of Texas