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The State of Louisiana
City and Parish of New Orleans } I, George P. Macmurdo do solemnly swear that at the time of the destruction by fire, of the premises of Messrs. Bridges and Macmurdo then situated on Camp Street in the City of New Orleans, to wit, on the Sixteenth day of February One thousand eight hundred and fifty, I was intimate with the business transactions of said firm, and had free access to the books and papers. That there was deposited in the iron safe of said Bridges and Macmurdo, a Certificate of the Public Debt of the late Republic of Texas for the sum of Ten thousand dollars, nominal value said Certificate was of the First Class numbered 935 and orginally issued to E W Clark & Co., was by said E W Clark & Co. endorsed, and at the time of said fire, was the property of John R. Macmurdo. I further solemnly swear, that the papers and books contained in said safe, were destroyed at the time of said fire above refered to, and that I have reason to believe, and do verily believe, that said Certificate of Public Debt was amongst the papers so destroyed

G. P. Macmurdo

Sworn to and subscribed by the above named George P. Macmurdo before me this Twenty First day of September A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty two

William Shannon
Commissioner for the State of Texas