This Indenture made this thirty first day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & forty two by and between Hamilton Washington on the first part and Edwin Wellons on the second part, witnesseth, that the party of the first part, having on the twenty day of May AD eighteen hundred & forty two purchased of L J Wilson, in his own name, a Steam Boat of Louisiana with her tackle apparel and appurtenances called the "Merchant," for the sum of Seventeen thousand Dollars – by payment as follows, viz, Two thousand Dollars in Cash and Eight thousand Dollars by a certain promissory note signed by the party of the first part, and the second part, dated the 30th Instant at sixty days date payable in specie and the said party of the second part having provided the Cash payment of One thousand Dollars for his portion, therefore in consideration of the above recited payment and obligation upon the promissory note, the party of the first part, hereby sells, transfers releases and assigns to the party of the second part one half of his interest in said Steam Boat Merchant as purchased of L J Wilson, being one half of said Boat her tackle, apparel, furniture and appurtenances, to have and to hold the same by him the said party of the second part his heirs, administrators and assigns forever — And the party of the first part hereby agrees and obligates himself upon taking out a Register for said Boat in the Republic of Texas he will leave the name of the party of the second part inserted in said Register as the owner of one half said Boat

In witness whereof the party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above mentioned —

H. Washington (L.S.)

signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

Walter Smith

Jos L Hodgkinson