And giving him to understand, that the Secretary of the Navy has every disposition to give him full value. I mention this in case you do not succeed in purchasing her, but I would not advise your giving beyond $14,000. for the Vessel, tackling, armament, provisions &c. and every thing on board as she comes from sea, and also under the restriction that she has sustained no material injury. His pay will be a draft on the Treasury. I have written Mr. Toby, but should he not have complied, be good enough to send me the most approved Charts of the Gulf of Mexico and the West Indies.

Respectfully Your Obt Servt S. R. Fisher
Secty Navy

Commissary Department Orleans Mch 17th 1837

Hon. S. Rhodes Fisher
Sec Navy. } Sir

The schooner Brutus arrived on the 12th Inst. at the Balize, from a cruze off Metamoras. She reports two armed Briggs and two schooners in Harbour. gave them two guns which were unnoticed and then stood for this port, passing in sight of Velasco. Upon her arrival at the Balize, Capt Hurd dispatched Lieutenant Hanna to the City, who reported Capt Hurd sick. The Lieutenant with whom I conversed, said that the Brutus would not go home (to Velasco) untill the Capt should hear from the Government, and not then, unlessh he received an honourable discharge, that he had written a feeling letter to the Executive, and that in any event, his officers would stand by him. I immediately suggested to Mr Toby, that he see the U.S. States attorney and ascertain if he could not, from a recognized source, get from his Govt some process, that would place the officers and agents of Texas in possession, After some hours deliberation, he thought no relief can be afforded, The next day Mr Toby sent Capt Wheelright of the Independance to take charge, if he succeeded in getting in command he was to make sail immediately in pursuit of a valuable Mexican prize, that had left the Balize some hours before, he has not learn you to sea —