I authorize Messrs Valentine & Burthe of New Orleans my full lawful agents to collect my dues from the sloop of war Austin now lying at New Orleans harbour, and use all means to get it. New Orleans Octr 1st 1812 — Gustavus A. Fuss.

Commodore T. Hillyar.

Sir

Your will oblige me very much by paying the within bill to Messrs Massey & Hoeck at New Orleans, as Mr Massey agent to whom you referred me, stating that he only has to pay the money received to the owner & the parties has to pay the dues. Therefore I hope you will very thankfully be pleased to do so by paying the within to the mess. Massey & Hoeck.

Very respectfully yours &c

G. A. Fuss