United States Consulate
Port of Galveston
Republic of Texas

Be it known that on this Seventh day of June in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty eight before me Stewart Powell Consul of the United States for the Port of Galveston in the Republic of Texas.

Personally appeared Lieut M Hitchcock late Master of the Brig Potomac of New York who being sworn declares and says, that he sailed in said Brig from the Port of New York in the United States on the Seventeenth day of November A. D 1837. bound for Galveston in Texas with a Cargo of Lumber and other Merchandise and that he arrived at said Galveston on the Eighth day of December A. D 1837. in safety, that on the Twenty seventh day of said December being then at the City of Houston he was applied to by the Hon. William M Shepherd then Secretary of the Navy to know if said Hitchcock would sell the said Brig Potomac to the Texian Navy or Government, as they were much in want of her for the Public service that said Hitchcock agreed with said Shepherd that he would sell the said Brig to the Government of Texas for the Sum of Eight thousand Dollars to be paid on delivery of said Brig, that said Hitchcock agreed to receive in payment the Promissory Notes of the Government. said Hitchcock further declares that he delivered up the said Brig Potomac to the Texian Government on the