Seventh day of January A.D. 1838 and that Geo
[illegible] in the Texian Navy
[illegible] Shepherd then Secretary of
the Navy to take Command of said Brig,
Said deponent further declares that on the
Eighteenth day of January last he called
upon said Shepherd for Payment of said
Brig and he was informed that the President
declined to Sanction the payment and that
said deponent would have to wait until the
Month of April next, when the Congress
would meet, and make the necessary appropriation
to pay for said Brig as also for a quantity of Lumber
and other Building materials sold said Shepherd
[illegible] Government's use
amounting to Twelve hundred and Ninety two
$\frac{89}{100}$ Dollars which was also to be paid for on
delivery in the currency of the Country
Said deponent further declares that he
has often called on said Shepherd and the
Government for payment of said Brig and
Lumber but without effect and that up
to the present time no part of the payment
has been made, that said deponent has
been detained in Texas, nearly five Months
in consequence of not being paid according to
agreement and at an expence of Eight
Hundred dollars besides the loss of time
Said deponent therefore does most Solemnly
Protest as well for himself as for all
other Persons concerned against the
said Government of the Republic of Texas
as well as against the said William M
Shepherd for all Damages that may
accrue for the non payment [illegible]