Department of State
Houston May 22 1839

I, the undersigned Chief Clerk in said department hereby certify according to ordinance in this department, the Honorable Bernard E. Bee entered upon the duties of Secretary of the Navy the fifteenth of December One thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and continued in the discharge of those duties until relieved by Genl Memucan Hunt

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Nath. P. Amory

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