This is to certify that on or about the 18th or 19th of April 1836 I was Master or Commander of the Steam Boat Cayuga in the employment of this Republic, That I was ordered and directed to take in Tow the Schooner William belonging to John W. Moore Esqr. which had on board family, his, house hold furniture, Merchandize &c, On board the Steam boat was David Thomas Atty Genl, then acting Secretary of War, Lorenzo De Zavala Vice prest and Robt. Potter Secretary of the Navy. The Schooner William grounded on Copper's Bar below New Washington and in full View of the Mexicans who were then in possession of New Washington, and were there when we passed from Spillman's Island — after the said Schooner grounded the wind blowing from the North it was considered impossible to get her off immediately, When R. Potter Secry of the Navy requested that Twenty men should Volunteer and Remain on board said Schr. to prevent the Mexicans from taking possession of her, as the Cargo on board was Valuable, only Seventeen could be procured to remain on board among whom was John W. Moore, leaving them in that situation I proceeded to Anahuac & left a number of Families, principally Women & children and then proceeded to Red fish Bar & discharged what individual property and families were on board the Steam boat Cayuga, which were placed on board the Sloop Ohio and other Vessels then lying at Red fish Bar, then returned to Clopper's Bar to the Schr. William when the Secretary of the Navy ordered the Schr. to be fired and burned which was immediately done, the Sails, Running Rigging, Anchor & chain cable were placed on board the Steam boat, with sundry other articles belonging to the Schr. of said Moore and with the sundry articles of Merchandize the Steam Boat then proceeded to Galveston where the effects belonging to the said Schooner

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