This is to certify that I was ~~present~~ on board of the Schooner William owned by John W. Moore Esq. about the 18th & 19th of April 1836 when she passed Old Washington the Mexicans were then in possession of that place, I was also on board when the grounds on Clappers Bar and when the Secy. of the Navy R. Potter told the said Moore that he would take possession of the Schooner and in the afternoon of that day ordered her to be burned, at which time there was considerable Valuable property on board a part of which was owned by John W. Moore such as Shoes, Cotton, Leather &c. Clocks furniture &c, the Schooner's running rigging Sails cables &c were put on board the Steam Boat Cayuga and taken to Galveston Island —

City of Houston May 14th 1838.

Personally appeard before me Wm G Rowe a Justice of the peace for Harrisburg County this 14th day of may 1838 Andrew Lawson who made oath that the facts set forth in the above Certificate is true

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of may A.D. 1838

A. Larson