Republic of Texas } This day personally
County of Harrisburg } appeared before me
a Justice of the Peace in and
for said County Willis A Farris and after being
duly sworn made the following statement to the
best of his recollection of the facts. That sometime
in the month of April (day) 18th 1836. It was thought
advisable by the Government that all the families
and portable property should with early despatch
be carried to Galveston Island and John A Moore
having a schooner lying in Buffalow Bayou
called the Williams, the said Moore was instruc-
ted by the Secty. of the Navy Robt Potter to take
all the families and such other property as the
the schooner could carry which order was compli-
ed with by the said John A Moore and the vessel
was free for all no distinction made on her
way to Galveston Island from many causes
the steam Boat Cayuga by order of the Secty
of the Navy took the same schooner in tow
paying at the same Capt Moore with your willing
the schooner be considered the property of the Gov.
he replyed I am no sooner said it was done the
steamer took the schooner in tow some distance
above new Washington with her valuable cargo
women and children and other valuable property
some short distance below New Washington the
schooner grounded and after some considerable

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