exertions being made to get her off, there in
sight of the Mexican army, the Capty ordered all
the women and Children to be taken aboard of the
Steamboat, and also ordered twenty men be requested
to take charge of the Schooner untill the Steamboat
could go to Guadalupe and place the women
and Children in safety and that the Steam Boat
would return the following morning. Only sixteen could
be induced to remain for the vessel's protection,
just before dark the Steam Boat arrived
although, the sixteen that remained aboard the
vessel laboured the whole time to get her off but
without effect, after a few minutes consultation
on the Steam Boat's return, it was ordered that
some of the Cargo be immediately put aboard
the Steam Boat and that the Schooner and remainder
of the Cargo be set on fire which was accordingly
done and the Steam Boat left by the light
the Schooner and a large portion of the property
burnt belonged to John McMoore and having
a good opportunity of knowing what Mr McMoore
lost, I am satisfied it is a low estimate
having occupied one of his Store Rooms while
the Government remained at Harrisburg as
chief Clerk of the War Department.

Sworn to and subscribed before
me this the 9th day of Feby 1839

Tillie A. Fanz

John Shee JP