Velasco 8th August 1836.

This is to Certify that while Commanding the Texian Schooner of War Liberty I Cut up and Destroyed the Sloop Rattle Snake Belonging to W. W. Royall which I done to prevent the possibility of her falling into the hands of the Enemy then in the Town of Matagorda which measures I then got necessary to insure the safety of the Vessel under my Command and I further Certify I think the Vessel worth about five Hundred dollars

W. Brown
Commander of Texian
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