the Said Brig was a fast Bo[illegible] Bottom Sailed remarkably fast and mo[illegible]kely to run clear of Enemys cruisers than an[illegible]ther vessel which Sailed with the Same destination and as he the deponent had a wish to place funds in England to purchase goods to await a renewal of intercourse between the United States and Great Brittain which was then looked for, he the Said James Owings called on the Said John Randalls and requested and with the consent of the Said John Randall became one half Intrusted in the Shipment that this deponent at the time of his becoming Intrusted with Said John Randall in one half of the Said five hundred Barrels of flour not before nor for Some days after the Sailing of the Vessel, had not heard from the Said Samly Griffith or from Said John Randall nor from any other person and did not Know by any other means whatsoever and did not Know that there was on Board a British Licence or any other Such papers nor that any Licence or other document or papers would be used for her protection or that of the property on Board of her or any part of thereof from British capture or detention that this deponent did Consider the freight Rather too high but Knowing that Such Vessel as the Abram Sailed [illegible] a heavy expence could not be freighted a mu[illegible] less freight and Believing the Lisbon Market would Justify it this Deponent then agreed to pay a freight of five Dollars per Barrel that he never received any information and did not Know that any order had been passed by the Circuit Court of Massachusetts requiring further proof Respecting the Licence and further this deponent Sayeth not

Test Dwd Johnson

Jo. Owings

State of Maryland

City of Baltimore Sct

On the ninth day of may in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fourteen before the Subscriber Mayor of the City of Baltimore personally came James Owings and made oath on the Holy Evangels of almighty God that the Several matters and things Set forth in the above Deposition are true and that the Said Deposition contains the truth the whole truth and nothing