

Brutus, mentioned in document A. Accordingly, on the 4th instant, I caused nearly all the signers of the document, as also the editor of the Union and author of the paper C, to be summoned before Mr. Justice Preval; whereupon twenty witnesses were examined, without obtaining a syllable of information touching the matters alleged. Every thing stated by them resolved itself into hearsay or common report. The examination took a wide range, and continued two days, referring to other armaments said to have been fitted out, as well as that under consideration.

Since these proceedings, nothing further has been said on the subject of such armaments, either in the papers or among the citizens.

Enclosed are copies of the depositions of the witnesses; from which it will appear that the examination was thorough and rigid, and that information was sought especially from those who were most interested in obtaining it.

The paper D contains a notice of the issue of the examination.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

HENRY CARLETON.

Hon. JOHN FORSYTH,

*Secretary of State, Washington City.*

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NEW ORLEANS, *December 26, 1835.*

TO HENRY CARLETON, Esq.,

*United States District Attorney.*

Being informed that the schooner Brutus has been purchased, and is now fitting out, armed with six cannon, and one large one on a pivot, for the purpose of capturing Mexican vessels, which, with their cargoes, are principally insured by the underwriters of this city; and as our country is at peace with Mexico; we, the undersigned, request that immediate measures may be taken to prevent said vessel from leaving this port.

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