WASHINGTON, D. C., Jany 6. 1866.

To the President:-

The undersigned, as Counsel for Raphael Semmes, late an Admiral in the Navy of the Confederate States (so called) and a Brigadier General in their army respectfully states:-

That on the 26th day of April 1865, Mr Semmes, being then in command of a Brigade in the Confederate forces commanded by General Joseph E. Johnston, was paroled under the military convention by which the army of General Johnston was disbanded:- that his parole was granted to him expressly both in the character of a Brigadier General which rank he then held, and in that of a Rear Admiral in which capacity

Provenance unknown

he had previously served and which rank he also then held.

That by the terms of said parole, which he has ever since, faithfully kept, he was "permitted to return to his home not to be disturbed by the United States authorities, so long as he ~~obeyed~~ obeys the laws in force where he may reside". A copy of said parole is annexed hereto, marked A.

That in violation of the said parole, of the faith of the United States, and of the laws of war, he has been disturbed while peaceably residing at his home in Mobile Alabama as follows:—

That on the 15th day of December 1865, he was, by order of the "Secretary of the Navy" arrested, and

8A

Provenance unknown

conveyed to Washington city, and placed in close confinement at the Navy Yard near said city, where he is now a prisoner, upon charges predicated upon his acts as a rear admiral in the Confederate Navy of public notoriety and world-wide fame, committed ten months before his parole, and well known when it was granted, and covered by it, as will appear fully from a copy of said charges hereto annexed marked B.

That at the time of his arrest he made his protest in writing and delivered it to the officer making the arrest,

8B

Provenance unknown

setting forth the facts of the case and the violation of good faith, and of the laws of nations committed in his person, a copy of which protest is hereto attached marked C.

He now by his counsel expressly authorized thereto, submits these facts for the consideration of the President of the United States: and renews his protest against his arrest, detention, imprisonment and proposed trial, appealing to the laws of nations and to the good faith and honor of the government of the United States in the premises.

James Hughes
Counsel for P. Summers

8C

Provenance unknown