State of Texas
County of Refugio

Know all men by these presents that I John H. Tally County Surveyor for the County of Refugio, having carefully examined the field notes and map executed for the county aforesaid by Willard Richardson Esqr. who was legally appointed and deputized to do the same, - am entirely satisfied that said public work is correctly performed that it has been done agreeably to the instructions from the Commissioner of the Gen. Land Office, and in conformity to the general laws requiring it — that it has also been done entirely at his own expense and that said Richardson alone is entitled to compensation for the same — Therefore I have given said Richardson full authority and by these presents do authorize and empower him, by the authority in me vested as County Surveyor, to ask, demand and receive from this Government or its duly authorized officers, any such sum or sums of money or other property as he may be justly entitled to, either in full or part payment for said public work; and to give for the same, all lawful and necessary receipts, discharges or acquittances and whatsoever said Richardson shall lawfully do or cause to be done in this behalf shall be binding upon me and my successors in office — In testimony of which I have hereunto set my name and affixed my official seal at Refugio this 20th day of Feby A.D. 1841 in presence of the subscribing witnesses

Wm. W. B. Fordney

John H. Tally
Co. Surveyor Refugio

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