Republic of Texas,
County of Bexar.

Know all men by these presents that I, George Van Ness citizen of the County & Republic aforesaid, but now in Mexico by order of the act of San Antonio on the 11th day of September, A.D. 1842, have made, constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint Geo. T. Howard also of said County & Republic, my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name & for my use to ask, demand and receive of the proper officer of this Republic aforesaid authorized to settle and pay the proportionate part to me due of an appropriation made by the Congress of said Republic in secret session for the relief of Texan Prisoners in Mexico, giving and granting unto my said Attorney all the power that I can and do in the premises should I be personally present, ratifying & confirming all and singular that my said Attorney shall legally do herein —

Witness my hand and seal this day of date, at San Antonio this 18th day of January, A.D. 1846.

George Van Ness

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