Republic of Texas
San Augustine County } }

Know all men by these presents that I, J. P. Brooks of the County & Republic aforesaid hath this day appointed and by these presents do (nominate) constitute appoint William Simpson of the County and Republic aforesaid my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to present the foregoing account to the proper department for payment and to give all such acquittances as may be required, hereby confirming all things whatever my said attorney shall do in the premises —

Given under my hand and seal
28th Nov. 1840

J. P. Brooks (Seal)
San Augustine County