Republic of Texas } Know all men by these
County of Galveston } presents that I Saml. Wilde formerly ward room Steward now a Citizen of the County of Galveston have made constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint Pierce B F Stephens my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name but for my use to ask demand and receive from the proper officers of the Government all and every such sum or sums of money that now are or may hereafter be due and owing to me for my personal services in the naval service of the Republic of Texas Giving and granting unto him my said attorney my whole strength and authority to make seal and deliver all necessary receipts acquittances or other sufficient discharges — Hereby ratifying and confirming all and every the lawful act or acts of my said attorney in the premises In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and scrawl for seal this 24th day of December A D 1844

Samuel Wilde (Seal)

Republic of Texas } (TX) Before me John S
County of Galveston } Jones Chief Justice of the County aforesaid this day personally came and appeared Saml. Wilde who acknowledges the foregoing letter of attorney to be his act and deed for the purposes therein set forth and contained

To certify which and make authentic I have hereunto set my name and seal this the 24th day of December A D 1844

John S Jones Chief Justice