attorney to take charge of these claims & paid by the officers or officers duly authorized to receive the same or any part thereof & to receive all & every of the moneys or obligations of whatever nature may be appropriated to the payment of said claim or claims and to sue for the same at any time & hereby attorney hereby ratifying & confirming all acts of my said attorney which may be done in accordance with these — Signed sealed & delivered in presence of the undersigned witnesses this 31st day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine & of the independence of Texas the eighth

Attest

J. W. McHank
John Hugh Kerr

Monroe Fitzhugh Gates
Mark

Republic of Texas } I John C Brooks Chief
County of San Augustine } Justice of said County
do hereby certify that this day personally appeared before me at my office, H. McStanley who after being duly sworn says that he saw Monroe F. Gates sign seal & deliver the above Power of attorney to Saml. S. Davis for the uses & purposes therein specified.

Given under my hand & seal of office this the 31st day of Oct. A.D. 1839

John C. Brooks C.J.
& Notary Public