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County of Dewitt }

Know all men that I Achilles Staff Adm^r of the Estate of James Taylor do by these presents. This day Constitute and appoint D. M. Staff my true and Lawful attorney in fact, with Power of substitution, for me and in my name, to demand receive and receipt for any and all sums of money due the Estate of James Taylor from the State of Texas for services rendered the late Republic of Texas — Hereby Ratifying and Confirming all the acts of my said atty, and those acting under him, Legally done in the premises

Witness my hand and seal this 14 day of November A.D. 1853

Achilles Staff, Adm^r of Estate of James Taylor

State of Texas }
County of Dewitt }

Before me The undersigned authority personally appeared Achilles Staff Adm^r of Estate of James Taylor to me well known, and acknowledge that he signed the foregoing power of atty for the uses and purposes therein expressed

To certify which I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office This 14 day of November 1853

James M Smith clk
by his Deputy W A Blair