The State of Texas
County of Fort Bend } Know all men by these presents, that I, John R Penn of the County and State aforesaid, have this day Nominated Constituted & appointed, and by these presents do Nominate, Constitute & appoint John Barnett of said County My true & lawful attorney for me and in my name & stead and for my own use benefit & behoof, to ask for demand and receive from the proper officer at the City of Austin in the state of Texas, any and Money coming to me from the state of Texas for my Services as a Volunteer in the Army of the Republic of Texas in 1842 under Capt Wm Ryan. as per certificate of said Capt Ryan hereto annexed. I authorize my said Atty to execute and give all Receipts necessary for the same and in my name & for my use & benefit to execute the Acquittances required to be done by law.

Hereby ratifying & confirming all & singular the acts and doing of him my said attorney in the premises as fully & as binding as if I were present doing the same myself.

Witness my hand & seal at Richmond Fort Bend County. this the 22d day of April A.D. 1853

Test. Willis M Batte. J R Penn

The State of Texas
County of Fort Bend } Before me Willis M. Batte Clerk of the county court for said County came & appeared J R Penn to me well known as such, and signed sealed acknowledged and delivered the above instrument of writing in all the uses purposes and considerations therein expressed, and at his request & knowledge I then signed the same as Witness

To authenticate all of which I have signed My name & affixed the seal of Fort Bend County Court at office Richmond 23 Apl. 1853

Willis M. Batte Clerk