State of Texas } Know all men by these
Austin County. } presents, that I, G. Laird
Lipscomb of the County and State aforesaid Ad-
ministrator of the Estate of Thomas Bates Dec'd,
having full confidence in the integrity and ability
of Stephen Crosby of the County of Travis & State
of Texas, have nominated, constituted and appointed
and do by these presents nominate, constitute & appoint
him the said Stephen Crosby my true and lawful
Attorney for me and in my name as Administrator
of the Estate of said Thomas Bates Dec'd, to ask
demand and receive of the proper Officer or Officers of the
Government of Texas all monies that may be due said
Est. of Thos. Bates (formerly Clerk of the District Court
of Galveston County) hereby authorizing my said Attorney
to receipt for the same in his own name or mine
as Administrator as aforesaid.

Hereby ratifying and confirming the
acts of my said Attorney in the premises.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand
at Hempstead this 29th day of July AD. 1858.

Attest.
Wm. M. Beinerat
W. H. Stiles

G. Laird Lipscomb