Know all men by these presents that I Joseph J. Bell, of the County of Leon State of Texas, do by these presents, nominate, constitute and appoint A. J. Bell of the County of Austin, State aforesaid, my true and lawful agent and attorney in fact for the following purposes, to wit; to present, prosecute and adjust before the Auditor and Comptroller of the State of Texas my claims of every description against the late Republic of Texas, and to receive and receipt for the necessary certificate or other evidence of adjustment; also to sell and transfer a certificate issued to me for services in what is known as the Vasques campaign in the Spring of 1842, or to present the same at the Treasury of the State and to receive and receipt for the pay. Hereby binding myself to approve, ratify and confirm all the acts of my said agent lawfully done in the premises

Given under my hand, in the County of Leon, this [illegible] day of Decr 1853.

J. J. Bell

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