State of Texas
County of Travis } Know all men by these presents that we George T. Durham attorney of L. C. Blake as principal and James R. Shaw & John M. Swisher as securities are held and firmly bound unto P. Hansborough Bell Governor of the State of Texas and his Successors in Office in the sum of Two Hundred and Ninety one 32/100 dollars and for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we firmly bind our selves our heirs and assigns, jointly and severally by these presents. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 5th day of March A.D. 1853.

The condition of this obligation is such that whereas the Treasurer of the State of Texas has this day paid to me the sum of One Hundred and forty five 66/100 dollars as the attorney of L. C. Blake for an Certificate of Public Debt issued to the said L. C. Blake for the above amount on the 11th of August 1849 and numbered 155. 3rd Class. The original power of ~~which~~ attorney of which can be seen by reference to file No 153 in the Auditors Office. Now therefore if the said L. C. Blake should refund the said amount to the Treasurer of the State in case the above described certificate should have been transferred by the said L. C. Blake then the above bond to be null and void otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

George T. Durham L.S.
Atty for L. C. Blake.

James R. Shaw Seal

John M. Swisher Seal