Know all men by these presents that I James Bowland of the County of Lamar and State of Texas, do hereby nominate Constitute and appoint my Brother William D. Bowland of the County and State aforesaid My true and lawful attorney in fact for me and in my name - to ask - demand and receive from, the Governments of the United States of America, or the State of Texas - All Monies or Auditor drafts - which may be due me - for acknowledged Damages by the Government of the United States Previous to annexation - for the Seizure and Confinement of my person, during the year 1843 - while in the discharge of my duty as Collector of Customs for the District of Red River - by the officers of the Texian Fort Towson also all Monies due me as a Moity for the Goods seized by said officers & Crew - which had previously been stored by me - and finally every Thing Connected therewith - to receive and receipt for the same

Hereby Ratifying and Confirming whatever my said attorney may do in the premises - as sure as the acts of the attorney which he may be proper to make - in as full and ample Manner as I could do were I present to do the same herein

Witness my hand & seal 26th March 1857

Attest.
A. H. Holman

James Bowland (Seal)