Know all men by these presents, that I William Blythe ~~of the County of Hopkins and State of Texas, have this day made,~~ constitute and appoint Andrew J. Melton, of said County, my legal and lawful attorney and agent in fact, for me, and my name to ask for and receive, of the Government of the State of Texas, Seventy-two Dollars, due me as 1st Lieut. in Capt. Keys Company, under Genl. Tarrant, in 1841, which is due me by virtue of a certificate No. 4191 - signed by the Comptroller and auditor of Public Accounts, for the aforesaid sum," under the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled "an act to extend the provisions of an "act to provide for the ascertaining the debt of the late Republic of Texas," approved February 7th, 1853," hereby authorising my said attorney to ask for, receive, and receipt for the aforesaid money, in my name, as fully as I might or could do, if personally present; hereby and by these presents, ratifying all my said attorney may do, legally, in the premises.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, using a scrawl for a seal, this 21st day of October, A. D. 1853.

W. Blythe