The State of Texas
County of Nawgdoches

Know all men by these presents, that I. J. B. Read of the County of Rusk by these presents constitute and appoint Adolphus Sterne of the County aforesaid to be my true and lawfull attorney for me and in my name, to ask demand and receive of the proper authority such amount of pay as is (due me by the late Republic of Texas (now State of Texas) for Services rendered as a mounted volunteer in Capt A. Sterne's Company under the command of major James H. Durst from July till October 1840 authorising my said attorney to do and perform all such acts as may be required to be done in and about the premises.

In virtue of which I have signed these presents at Nawgdoches this 14th day of October 1851.

J. B. Reed

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