State of Texas }
DeWitt County } Know all men that I
I B Smith do by these presents this day
constitute and appoint W M Staffe my
true and lawful attorney in fact with
full power of Substitution for me and
in my name to demand receive and receipt
for any and all sums of money, due me
from the State of Texas, for and on account
of Services rendered the late Republic of
Texas as a Soldier in Capt Caldwells com-
pany of Gonzales Volunteers in the year
1840. My Said attorney, W M Staffe is
hereby fully authorized to appropriate the
moneys hereby collected to his own use
and benefit. having this day received value
consideration of him. Hereby ratifying
all things legally done in the premises.
Witness my hand and Seal
this 16th day of May. 1856.

I B Smith (Seal)

State of Texas }
DeWitt County } Before me the undersigned
authority this day personally appeared I. B.
Smith to me well known, and acknowledged
that he signed Sealed and delivered the
above and foregoing power of attorney and
transfer of interest to W M Staffe for the
purposes and consideration therein expressed
To certify which I hereunto set my
hand and the Seal of the county
court at the clerks office in Clinton
this 16th day of may A D 1856.

James N. Smith Clk C.C.D.C.
By C R Delaney Deputy Clk C.C.D.C.