The State of Texas } Know all men by these
County of Bell } presents, that I, Whitfield
Chalk of the County & State aforesaid, have
made constituted & appointed, & by these presents
do make constitute and appoint John
Burlage of the County of Travis & State
aforesaid, my true & lawful attorney
for me and in my name and stead to
demand & receive from the proper
Officers of the State of Texas, the Balance
$472 50/100 due me for my services & losses
in the Mier expedition, and in my
name to give acquittance for the
same, giving & granting unto my said
Attorney, full power & authority to do
& perform all and every act, and thing
whatever requisite & necessary to be
done in the premises, as fully to all
intents & purposes, as I could or would
do were I personally present, & I do
hereby confirm whatever my said attorney
may do in the premises.

In testimony of which I have hereunto
set my hand & caused my seal
this the 28th day of December 1857

Whitfield Chalk