The State of Texas
Austin County } Know all men by these presents, that I, Benjamin L Check of said county and State do, appoint and commission, and by these presents have appointed and commissioned John W Laurence of the City of Austin in Travis county, in said State my true and lawful attorney, to collect from the government of said State all claims that I have against said ~~State~~ for services in all the campaigns in which I was engaged in, as a soldier or volunteer under the late Republic of Texas. Giving the said Laurence full power to sign my ~~na~~ name and give receipts, for all amounts that he may so collect from said State for my services as above mentioned — In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal by way of seal, this first day. AD 1854 — (Note) The interlineation "State" was made before signing.

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Benj L. Check