The State of Texas }
County of Nueces }

Know all men by these presents That We Mathew Cody and Jeremiah Findly both of the County and State aforesaid Have made Constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint — Benjamin F. Neal also of the same County and State our true and lawful attorney for us and in our names to ask demand and receive from the Comptroller and Treasurer of the State of Texas, or any other proper officer or officers all sums of money or monies now due and owing for services rendered the late Republic of Texas in the Refugio Campaign of Minute men — The same having been audited and allowed and Certificates issued therefor being numbered viz No 1519 — to J Findly for $52.50 and No 1520 to Mathew Cody for $52.50 which said Certificates having been lost by the Hon. Jas Webb when the Steamboat Independence was wrecked on the Bar at Matagorda Bay, affidavit to which effect having been filed by the said Jas Webb in the proper office in the City of Austin — and also to give full receipts for the same — Hereby ratifying and that our said attorney may do for us or either of us legally in the premises — In testimony whereof We have hereunto set our hands and seals in the City of Corpus Christi this 23d day of December A.D. 1852

Jeremiah Findlay {Seal}

Matthew Cody {Seal}