Republic of Texas } Know all men by these
Galveston County } Presents that I William Cole
late Carpenter mate on board
the Ship of war Austin in good and sufficient
cause hereto moving have appointed and by
these presents do constitute and appoint
F. T. Willis Purser of the Texas Navy my true
and lawful Attorney for me and in my
name to apply for and receive from the Govt
of Texas or the authorized officers thereof all
and any sum or sums of money that may be
due for services in the Texas Navy, and for
which there has been or may be an appropriation
by the laws of this Republic. Authorizing him to
do all and every thing necessary to be done
in order to obtain the same. Authorizing him
for me & in my name to receipt and receipt
for the same - Hereby ratifying and confirming
all and every thing my said Attorney may do
in the premises

Given under my hand adding a seal
for my seal this 12th Feb 1844

Witness
Benj. L. Franklin
Thos. M. Joseph

Wm Cole