The State of Texas }
County of Anderson }

Know all men by these presence that I Balis Edens of the State & County aforesaid hereby appoint & Constitute Benjamin Parker of said State and County my legal agent and he is hereby empowered and authorized to demand sue for and receive from the proper department a certain amount of money being about one hundred and fifty dollars the same being claimed by me for the loss of a certain horse in the Service of the Republic Texas which claim is now on file at the Auditors Office in the City of Austin Texas signed by James Smith as Captain and Counter-signed by Thomas J Rusk dated ~~about~~ the last of 1838 or the first of 1839 and he is hereby as fully authorized to transact all business necessary to the recovery of said claim as if I myself were present given under my hand this 1st day of January A D 1856

The State of Texas } Balis Edens (Seal)
County of Anderson } Before me W H Vaughan Clerk of the County Court in and for the County of Anderson this day personally Came Balis Edens and acknowledged that he signed sealed and delivered the foregoing Power of Attorney for the uses therein set forth

Witness my hand and Seal of ~~Office at~~ Palestine January 1st A D 1856

W. H. Vaughan Clerk C C C