Whereas I have been appointed General Agent in the United States for the Government of Texas, with powers to appoint one or more secretaries, and having full faith and confidence in the devotion of Samuel Ellis to the cause of Texas, and in his capacity to fill the station I have appointed him and by these presents do appoint him secretary for the city of New Orleans to the General Agent - His duties will be to correspond with the general agent and express the views of the general agent when he is absent, to all persons having intercourse with the government, not coming within the duties of the purchasing agent at New Orleans - and to cooperate with, and second the purchasing agent in all matters relative to governmental business - never allowing a conflict of duties, but in case of doubt as to where the spheres of the two extend, giving way in all cases to the purchasing agent until the general agent can be heard from - As far as agreeable to the purchasing agent, the said Secretary will correspond with the government in regard to the local agency as will in regard to the general agency - having always in each case, strict regard to the views of each, and being cautious in venturing any opinion or suggestion which from his knowledge of both and their opinions he may not be satisfied will conform to the [illegible] - In