To all to whom it may concern — This is to certify that I was appointed Brigadier Genl of the 1st Brigade of the Texas army on the 18th day of March 1836 by David G. Burnett, President ad interim of Sd Republic with authority to appoint all officers in said Brigade, and at the same time ordered to the U.S. to raise said Brigade, arms provisions &c. &c. — That in pertherance of said orders I proceeded to New Orleans in Sam. & in April of the same year commissioned Thos Wm Ward and others in said Brigade. — That Samuel Ellis, then of the firm of Bryan & Ellis, was also commissioned by me as Major in Sd Brigade on the 15th day of April 1836 as his commission will show, with instructions of the same date to remain in Orleans to forward men, supplies &c — That he did remain as instructed and was efficient and