State of Texas
County of Washington } Know all men by these presents that I William P. Gates of the State and County aforesaid, have made constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make constitute and appoint James W. McDade of the State and county aforesaid my true and lawful attorney for me, and in my name place and stead to collect and obtain for me the pay which is due me for three months services as private in the South western army of the Republic of Texas, from the first of Oct A D 1842 to the first of January A D 1843, giving and granting unto my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby