The State of Texas
County of Brazoria } Knowe all men by these presents that I James H. Bell of the ~~county of Brazoria, and State of Texas~~ do hereby constitute & appoint Peter Malgreal Esqr my agent & attorney to collect from Treasury Department of the State of Texas, or from the proper officer, appointed to that duty, all the pay which may be due me for military service in the Spring of 1842, and in the Autumn of the same year. Or to receive from the proper officer the customary evidence of the indebtedness of the State of Texas to me for said services. And whatever my said attorney does in the premises is hereby ratified and fully confirmed. Witness my hand & seal. August 20th 1851.

James H. Bell

The State of Texas
County of Brazoria } Before me M B Williamson Clerk of the County Court in and for the County aforesaid personally came and appeared James H Bell whom I know known. and whose name appears at the End of the foregoing Instrument of writing bearing date the 20th day of August 1851 and acknowledged that he had signed & sealed the same for the purposes therein stated —

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the County Court of Brazoria County this 20th day of August A.D. 1851

M. B. Williamson
Clk C.C.B.C.