State of Texas }
Gonzales County } I. F. Chenault Clerk of the County Court of said County Certify that Thomas J. Pilgrim whose name appears & is signed as Justice of the Peace on the Instrument of writing hereunto appended is now and was at the time of signing the same an acting Justice of the Peace in & for said County duly qualified

Given under my hand & official seal August 1st 1853

F. Chenault
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