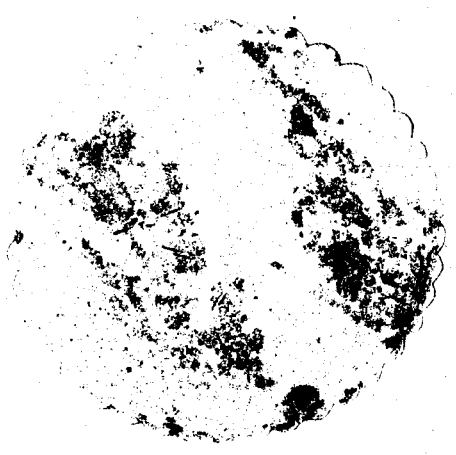
The State of Texas } Know all men by these presents
County of Harris } that I Thomas W. Howe
of the County aforesaid, have made, constituted &
appointed & by these presents, do make, consti-
tute & appoint ~~J. W. Gordon~~ of the County of
Travis, my true & lawfull attorney for me & in
my name place & stead to apply for, demand, receive
& collect from the State of Texas, any monies
due me, for my services, in the army in 1842
& to give good & sufficient receipts & acquittances
therefor, giving & granting unto my said attorney
full power & authority to do all things necessary in the
premises as fully as I could do if personally present
~~giving~~ hereby ratifying all that my said attorney
shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue
hereof; In testimony whereof I have hereto set my
hand & seal & forseal at Houston, March
16th A.D. 1855

T. W. Howe (Seal)

The State of Texas } Before me J. B. Clark a Notary
County of Harris } Public in & for the County
of Harris, this day came T. W. Howe of said
County, to me known, who acknowledged
the execution of the foregoing power of attorney
for the purposes therein state

Witness my hand & Notarial seal of
Houston March 16th A.D. 1855

J. B. Clark
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