State of Texas

Washington County Know all men by these presents that I William S Holmes of the county of Burleson and State of Texas do hereby authorise and empower Alfred Groomz of the City of Austin to draw from the Treasury of the State the amount due me for Services, and is hereby empowered to receipt for the same as if I were present and signed the said receipts as witness my hand and seal this 12th of November 1853 — Wm S Holmes (Seal)

The State of Texas
County of Washington } Before me John M. Hardeman a Notary Public in and for said county duly commissioned and qualified personally appeared Wm S Holmes who acknowledged the above power of attorney to be his act and deed for the purposes there in contained

To certify which I have to sign my name and affix my Notarial Seal this the 12 day of November AD 1853

John M Hardeman
Notary Public
Washington County

Please forward the money either by mail or by private hands to John H Graves at Independence Washington County and oblige yours &c William S Holmes