The State of Texas }
County of Shelby — }

Know all men by these presents that I Holmes Byfield of the County aforesaid for value received I hereby transfer to Francis Hoya my right and title to a certain debt due me by the late Republic of Texas for services rendered as a mounted Ranger in Capt Robert Barclay's company under the command of major James H. Cornett from 4th July 1840 till the 4th October 1840 witness my hand (being a cross not knowing how to write) this 22nd day of October 1858

(TX) Holmes his + mark Byfield

witnesses
John Hockley
A. Steen

The State of Texas
County of Nacogdoches } Before me personally appeared A Steen one of the witnesses to the foregoing transfer (to me well known) and upon his oath declared that he was present and saw Holmes Byfield sign & deliver the same & further that he is the identical Holmes Byfield who served in Capt R. Barclays Company.

Witness my hand & seal. Nacogdoches October 24th 1858

H. Allen
Ex. J. P. & C