The State of Texas
County of Travis

Know all men by these presents that I David Ayres of the County of Galveston reposing special trust & confidence in John M Swisher do by these presents constitute & appoint him my attorney to demand and receive from the Treasurer of the State or other proper Officer of the Government any and all moneys due or coming to me from the Government, on any account whatsoever, whether the same shall be due me in my own right, or as attorney for any one else. And I hereby authorize the said Swisher to sign for me any and all receipts or acquittances, and I hereby declare the same to be as valid & binding against me as if I were personally present & performed the acts myself.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and scrawl by way of seal this 6th day of Feby A D 1852.

David Ayres

Witnesses
W. F. James
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