State of Texas }
County of Travis } Know all men by these presents that I John H. Ellis of the County of Galveston State aforesaid have made, constituted appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint Robert Q. Cottam of said County of Travis my true & lawful attorney specially for me and in my name, place and stead, to collect from me to wit or receive a certain claim against the late Republic of Texas amounting to the sum of $2[illegible].64 including interest till March 1848 to which I am entitled as assignee of Alexander McDonald by virtue of letter of assignment bearing date March 15th 1848, said claim being for Corn taken out of the premises of the said McDonald in the month of March 1842 while Martial Law was in force in the City of Austin, as per certificate of Geo. W. Hockley, late Secretary of War & Marine, dated 15th March 1848, hereby ratifying & confirming the acts of my attorney aforesaid, in the premises aforesaid, as my own act and deed

Witness my hand & Seaul for seal the sixth day of June in the year one thousand Eight hundred and forty eight

Signed John H. Ellis

Witness