Know all men by these Presents that I, Richard R. Keene of Downieville Sierra County California have made constituted and appointed and by these Presents do make, constitute and appoint Edwards G. Keene of Austin, Travis County, Texas, my true and lawful Attorney for me, and in my name, place and stead to ask, demand, collect and receive of and from the Government of the State of Texas, any and all moneys, credits or effects, Bonds, Scrips, Rights or other evidences of indebtedness, whatsoever, I may be entitled to receive of and from said State for any cause whatsoever, and to sign, seal, execute and deliver, any and all receipts, releases and acquittances therefor, either under seal or otherwise; giving and granting unto my said Attorney full power and authority, to do and perform all and every act and thing necessary in and about the premises, hereby ratifying and confirming any and all acts my said Attorney may lawfully and properly perform touching the same and executing thereof.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of September A.D. 1853.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

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R. R. Keene

State of California

Sierra County, ss. On this 20th day of September A.D. 1853, personally appeared before me Richard R. Keene to me personally known to be the individual