Know all men by these presents, that I, Arthur T. Kennedy of the City of Baltimore & State of Maryland, a half brother of Edmund C. Kennedy deceased, and who together with C. H. Kennedy, and full brother of the said Edmund C. Kennedy, and Mary E. Goldsborough, a half sister of the same which Mary E. Goldsborough is the wife of James N. Goldsborough of the County of Talbot of the State of Maryland, are the only heirs at law of the said Edmund C. Kennedy, have for divers good causes and considerations, made, nominated, constituted, and appointed, and do hereby make, nominate, constitute, and appoint C. H. Kennedy of the U. S. Navy my true and lawful Attorney in fact, to ask, demand, sue for, recover, and receive of and from the State of Texas, or the Constituted authorities thereof, all and whatsoever may be due and owing to the said Edmund C. Kennedy, or to me as one of his heirs, for and on account of the services of the said Edmund C. Kennedy, as a Lieutenant in the late Texan Navy, or by virtue of any provision of law for such services, liquidated or unliquidated; and upon receipt thereof, to give such needful receipts and acquittances as may be lawfully required; and I hereby ratify