"ascertaining the debt of the late Republic of Texas" as shall set forth the original character & value of the debt; and if it shall please them to do so, the amount of Principal & interest now due up to the year 1848 inclusive.

The said John W King to meet all contingencies in the premises does hereby authorize & empower his attorney Willis Stewart to execute all & singular any Discharges, receipts &c which may be necessary to preserve the rights of the State & to do Equity to the holders of the claim he is hereby authorized to present as fully as if the said John W King was personally present.

Given under my hand seal in the City of Galveston Texas on this twenty six of February 1849.

John W King