State of Texas }
Victoria County } Know all men
that I John James do by these pres=
=ents this day constitute and appoint
Darwin McStaff my true and lawful
attorney in fact, with power of substitut,
to demand receive and receipt for
any and all sums of Money due
me from the State of Texas for service
rendered the Late Republic of Texas
Hereby ratifying and confirming all
the acts of my said atty and those act=
=ing under him by atty done in the
premises.

Witness my hand and seal
this 7th day of July A.D. 1853-

John James Seal

State of Texas }
Victoria County } Before me the undersigned
a Notary Public for the aforesd county
personally appeared John James
To me well known and acknowledged
that he signed the foregoing power of
atty for the uses and purposes therein
set forth.

Witness my hand and seal
of office in the Town
of Victoria on the 7th
day of July A.D. 1853-

Thos Stone
Notary Public V.C.