Know all men by these presents that We Manuel W Matthews & James Gahagan of the County of Hopkins & State of Texas do nominate constitute and appoint Chas Coney our true and lawful attorney in fact for us and in our names to present to the Auditor on board of the State of Texas any and all claims for money that We hold against the late Republic of Texas and to have the same audited and to demand and receive the pay or money for the same and to receipt in our names for any amount which our said attorney may receive hereby ratifying and confirming all that our said attorney may do in and about the premise

Witness our hands & seals a seal being used as such seal dated this the 29th day of September 1853

M. W. Matthews (Seal)

James Gahagan (Seal)

attest

W. B. Hurt