Know all men by these presents that I Richard Sheridan of the county of Mobile in the state of Alabama have made constituted ~~and appointed~~ and by these presents do make constitute and appoint William H Watson my true lawful and duly attorney to proceed to the state of Texas and to collect and obtain from the Government of the state of Texas all or any sum or sums of money that may be due to me from the said state of Texas and more particularly a certain claim that I hold against the said Government for Two Hundred and Seventy eight dollars due to me for Shipping men (Seamen) on board of the Schooner San Bernard in July 1842 while the said Schooner was in the port of Mobile the said Schooner being at the time a vessel of war in the service of the then Republic of Texas. which said demand of Two Hundred & Seventy eight dollars Commodore E. W Moore of the then Texas Naval Service afterwards on the 24th day of March 1843. gave his note for. And I do hereby authorize my said attorney for me and in my to give and make all such receipts acquittances discharges and releases as may be necessary in the premises Hereby ratifying and confirming all and every of the acts of the said Watson to be as valid and binding upon me in the premises. as if I myself were personally present and acting and consenting thereto

Witness under my hand and seal at Mobile this the fifth day of April AD 1848.

witnesses

Alex M Keisty } Richard Sheridan (Seal)