State of Texas } Know all men by these presents that I
Bell County } John M Payne of the County & State aforesaid
do hereby nominate constitute & appoint and by these presents
have constituted and apointed R J French my lawfull
attorney to demand and receive from the State of Texas
Sixty Seven 50/100 Dollars due me for services on the
Sommerville Campaigne as per certificate No 884 issued 24th Oct 1850
by Jas Shaw Comptroller and J. Swither auditor of
the State which is on the record here of and I
further authorize my said attorney to sign for me
and in my name any receipt or other instrument of
writing in relation hereto and things that I lawfully
could do in the premises holding myself as fully bound
by my said attorney's act as if done by myself in person
In testimony whereof I have to sign my name and
affix my seal, using a scrowl as such the the
5th day of March 1852

John M. Payne (Seal)

Payne, John M.

State of Texas } Before me John W. Coleman, a Notary Public of said county
County of Bell } personally appeared John M. Payne and acknowledged that
he signed, sealed, and delivered the foregoing Power of Attorney for the purpose
therein expressed and set forth. In testimony of which I hereunto
set my name and impress the seal of my
office, at Holansville, this the 9th day
of March A.D. 1852.

John W. Coleman
Not. Pub. Bell

Received payment in full
for the within certificate
March 9th 1852. R J French