The State of Texas ?
County of Matagorda ? Know all men by these presents that I Catherine James (formerly Catherine Pilkington) of the state and County aforesaid, have made, constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint D. E. E. Bowman of the same place by true and lawful attorney for me and in my name place and stead to present, prosecute and adjust before the Auditor and Comptroller of the State of Texas my claims of every description against the late Republic of of Texas, as heir of my son Thomas R. Pilkington deceased, and more particularly my said son's claim for military services as a member of Capt. Ryon's Company from Fort Bend County in the year 1842, called out to repel the Mexicans under General Vascquez: hereby empowering my said attorney to receive and receipt for the proper certificate or other evidence of said adjustment: And further to present said certificate or evidence of the adjus=tment of said claim to the Treasurer of the State or other proper officer and to demand and receive the money due thereon and proper receipt or other acquittance to receipt in my name.
Hereby giving to my said attorney full power and authority, and hereby ratifying and confirming every thing which my said attorney shall legally do or cause to be done in the premises by virtue hereof.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and scroll seal at Matagorda this twenty fifth day of August A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty four

In presence of
James H Dickinson

Catherine James {scroll}