The State of Texas ?
County of Matagorda ? Know all men by these presents that I D. E. E. Brannen agent and attorney of Catherine Jones (mother of Thomas R. Pilkington) have made, constituted and appointed and by these presents do constitute and appoint John M. Swisher Esq. of the City of Austin my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to present to and collect from the Treasurer of the State of Texas the sum of Thirty one 50/100 Dollars, due on the following Certificate of Public Debt of the late Republic of Texas: To wit Certificate No. 5935 Second Class B. issued for services rendered by Thomas R. Pilkington in the Vasques Campaign, for the sum of Thirty one 50/100 dollars. And I hereby authorize and empower my said attorney to receive said amount of money from the Treasurer of the State and to give all necessary receipts in my name for the same. Also hereby agreeing to ratify and confirm all that my said attorney shall legally do in the premises by virtue hereof.

In witness of all which I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Matagorda this sixteenth day of September A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

D. E. E. Brannen (Seal)
Attorney for
Catherine Jones

(Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of)