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Know all men by these presents, that we, M. E de Pontis of Paris, France, and Philip R. Hottinguer (Banker, and Alphonse Letteroth (Proprietor), — both of Paris, France, are held and firmly bound to the State of Texas, United States of America, in the full sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, Executors, and administrators jointly and severally by these presents, as witness our hands and seals, on this fourth day of May in the year One thousand Eight Hundred and fifty eight —

The condition of the above obligation being, that certificate No. 1263. First class, Eight per cent stock of the late Republic of Texas issued on the fourteenth 5th February Eighteen Hundred and Forty (1840) issued by the State of Texas to the above bound M. E de Pontis, dated November 12th the Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty nine (1841) and signed