The State of Texas }
Wood County }

Know all men by these presents that I David O. Norton have this day constituted and do by these presents constitute and appoint Gilbert Yarlorough both of us of the County & State aforesaid my true and Lawful agent and attorney in fact for me and in my name to ask for demand and receive from the proper office of the Government of the State of Texas all or any money that may be due me from Sd State as the assignee of Benj Ratcliff for service rendered by said Ratcliff in the army of the Republic of Texas in Capt Keyes Company under Genl Tarrant in 1841 amounting to Thirty Dollars as set forth in Certificate No 1495 - 2d Class by Jno M. Swisher Auditor & James B Shaw Comptroller on the 6th June 1851 and transferred to me by said Ratcliff on the 1st day of July 1851 hereby authorizing my said attorney to sign my name to any receipts or vouchers and generally to do and perform all and singular any act or deed that I might perform were I personally present Hereby fully ratifying and confirming all the lawful acts of my said attorney