The State of Texas
County of McClennon } Know all men by these presents that I Albert E Ray of the County of Milam and State aforesaid for and in Consideration of the Sum of Thirty Seven dollars to me in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have this day bargained sold and so far as ability in me lies delivered possession to Mat F Shins of all the money or pay due me for services rendered the late Republic of Texas as a member of Capt Wm Sams Company of mounted volunteers in Service in 1839 & 40 and my said attorney is hereby fully authorised to apply to the proper officers of the State of Texas to have my Clame adjusted and draw the money due me and appropiate the same to his own proper use and benefit

Hereby ratifying and Confirming all and Singular the Acts of my said attorney in the premises acknowlinging myself as much bound by them as if I were personally present and acting for myself In testimony where of I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this the 1st day of April A.D. 1854

A E Ray — Seal