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I hereby fully au-
~~thorize and empower S. M. Henderson~~
to receive for me from the comptroller and Treasurer of the State of Texas the witness fees due to my late husband Geo W Overby as a witness in the case of the Republic of Texas Seven dollars now audited and allowed by the said Comptroller and Auditor &c that there is no administration nor has there ever been any on his Estate and that he left two children who are now living Witness my hand this the 28th day of March 1856 making my mark as I do not write my name

And that I am now a widow Mary her X mark Overby

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This day came Mary ~~Hughes~~ ~~and Louisa~~ Overby to me well known and also known to me as the widow of John W Overby and stated that the had subscribed the fugoing power of attorney for the purposes therein mentioned &c. all of which I do hereby certify from under my hand and seal of office at Danville in the County aforesaid this the 28th day March A.D. 1856

C B Howard
a Notary
Public for Montgomery County
Texas