State of Tennessee
County of Shelby

Know all men by these presents That I J Gray of the County & State aforesaid have this day nominated & appointed & by these presents do nominate & appoint George W Cooke of Waco Texas my true & lawful Attorney in fact for me & in my name to demand & receive of & from the Government of the State of Texas or from any one having possession of & liable for the same any & all money pay due & owing to me by the Government of the late Republic of Texas for services in Capt H W Allen's Company of Mississippi Guards in the year 1842 in the Service of the Republic of Texas - And all necessary receipts bonds & acquittances for me & in my name to make & execute And he is hereby invested with Plenary Power to do all & every act & thing that may be necessary to accomplish the objects of this Power & at his option may make & appoint an Attorney in his room & stead & invest him with all & every power that he the said Cook could lawfully exercise in the premises.

Hereby ratifying & confirming all the lawful actings & doings of my said Attorney or his substitutes as fully & completely as though I were present & doing the same in person

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & scroll for seal At Memphis

This the 30th day of August A D 1858

A. Wallace
J. A. Allen

J. Gray

State of Tennessee Before me Hume G. Hill
County of Shelby a commissioner in & for the State of Tennessee duly commissioned &