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Know all men by these presents that I B Cocke of the County & State aforesaid have nominated & appointed & by the presents do nominate & appoint George W Cooke of Waco Texas my true & lawful Attorney in fact to demand & receive from the Government of the State of Texas or from any one having possession of & liable for the same any & all money pay due by the Government of the late Republic of Texas to me for services in Capt H W Allen's Company of Mississippi Guards in the Year 1843 in the Service 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 Cooke 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 this of August AD 1858

A. Wallace
Wm D. Gilmore

Bowler Cocke (seal)

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Before me Hiram F Hill
a Commissioner of Deeds in & for the State of Tennessee duly commissioned & qualified authorized by the Governor of Texas to take the acknowledgments proof of Deeds & other Instruments of Writing to be used in said State of Texas & to administer oaths & affirmations - Came &