Know all men by these presents, that I. Lent. M. Hitchcock jr of the County of Galveston State of Texas do hereby ordain constitute and appoint Franklin H. Merriman of said county my true and lawful attorney irrevocable in the premises, for me and in my name to demand and receive from the State of Texas, or authorized officer agent or attorney of said State the sum of Nine Hundred and Seventeen 08/100 dollars due on certificate No 1760 2nd Class for services of William Seeger deceased as Lieutenant in the Navy; which said Certificate was issued to said Merriman as administrator of said Seeger and is dated the 11th day of August 1851, and was sold at administrators sale on the 17th day of September 1851 by order of the Probate Court of Galveston County and was purchased by said Hitchcock, and the sale confirmed by said Court, and a transfer of said certificate duly executed

And I hereby authorize my said attorney upon the payment of said certificate, in my name to execute any receipt, release or discharge or other instrument that may be exacted by said State, its officers or agents as a voucher of payment. Hereby ratifying and confirming whatever my said attorney shall do in my name by virtue hereof. In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal for seal this 27th day of October 1857

L. M. Hitchcock