The State of Texas } Know all men by these presents
County of Harris } that I, David B. Smith
of the County aforesaid, have made constituted & appointed
& by these presents do make constitute & appoint
De Cordova of the County of Travis, my true &
lawful attorney, for me & in my name, place & stead to
apply for, demand & receive & collect from the State
of Texas, any monies due ~~him~~ me for my services
in the army in 1842, & to give good & sufficient
receipts & acquitances therefor, giving & granting
unto my said attorney full power & authority
to do all things necessary in the premises as
fully as I could do if personally present, hereby ratifying
all that my said attorney shall lawfully do or cause
to be done by virtue hereof.
In testimony whereof, witness my hand & seal for
seal, at Houston July 9th 1855

D B Smith Dad

The State of Texas } Before me J B Hart a Notary Public
County of Harris } in & for the County of Harris, this
day came D B Smith to me known, who acknowledged
the execution of the foregoing power of attorney for the purposes
therein stated. Witness my hand & Notarial seal at
Houston July 9th 1855

J B Hart Not Pub
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