The State of Texas
County of Lavaca

Know all men by these presents that I Mary Metcalf late widow of John Smith deceased, Adm'x Pro Tem of the Estate of said John Smith do by these presents nominate, constitute and appoint H. Wolfson ~~Massachusetts~~, my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name (with a power of Substitution) to apply for and receive from the State of Texas the compensation to which I am entitled as the ~~widow of the late~~ Adm'x Pro Tem. of the Estate of John Smith deceased, as a claim for services on the Severell Campaigns as per Draft No 2395 dated September first 1857 issued in favor of the said John Smith dec'd for the sum of Sixty Seven Dollars and fifty cents,

Thereby ratifying and confirming the acts of my said Attorney in the premises in as full and ample manner as I might or could do were I personally present

Given under my hand and seal using a scroll for a seal this the Third day of March A.D. 1852

Mary L. Metcalf (Seal)
Adm'x Pro Tem. Estate of John Smith dec'd

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County of Lavaca } Before me the undersigned C. Ballard an acting Notary Public for the County aforesaid personally came Mary L. Metcalf who signed the above power of attorney and acknowledged the same to be her own act and for the purposes therein contained. I know and she is the widow of John Smith dec'd, witness of the fact I hereto sign the same and affix my seal on 3rd day March 1852

C. Ballard
Notary Public
Lavaca County