The State of Texas }
County of Lavaca }

Know All men by these Presents; That I. John H. Livergood Chief Justice of Lavaca County State of Texas, reposing Special Trust & Confidence in Mary L. Metcalf of Said County late Widow of John Smith, decd., have this day made & appointed Said Mary L Metcalf Administratrix Pro Tem of the Estate of Said John Smith decd. and do hereby authorize and empower Said Mary L Metcalf to receive from the Government of the State of Texas by the officers of Said State, all right Claims or dues which Said John Smith decd. may have been entitled to receive for Services rendered the Republic of Texas or Said State, more especially the Sum of Sixty Seven Dollars 67/100 due Said John Smith decd for his Services in the Somerville Campaign, for which a Certificate No 2395, 2d Class was issued in his favor Signed by Jno McSusker Auditor & James B. Shaw Comptroller on the 1st day of Sept. 1851, Said Services having been rendered Said Republic of Texas,

In Testimony whereof I have this day hereunto Set my Hand as Chief Justice of Said County & Caused the official Seal of my Office to be hereunto affixed this 14th day of May 1852.

John H. Livergood
Chief Justice Lavaca County, T. T.

attest.
Josiah Dowling
Clerk County Court L C
By Henry K Lucas deputy