The State of Texas
County of Bexar } Know all men by these presents
that I Christophes Trontz for and in consideration of the
sum of two hundred dollars to me in hand paid - the
full and entire receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged
have granted bargained - sold - transferred and conveyed
and by these presents do grant - bargain - sell - transfer and
convey - unto George T Howard a certain Certificate
of indebtedness of the late Republic of Texas - which said
Certificate was originally granted to me on the 26th day of
July A.D. 1850 - for Three hundred and twenty four 75/100 dollars
for services rendered by me, on the Santa Fè expedition and
was numbered 614 of the 2nd class - and whereas the said
original Certificate has been destroyed by fire, I hereby
authorise and empower the said Howard or his
legal representatives to apply for, receive and receipt for
a duplicate of the said certificate - to the proper officer -
and generally to exercise all rights of ownership over the
same, which I might or could do but for this conveyance
To have and to hold - the said Certificate or (and)
duplicate of the same - so conveyed, unto him the said
Howard his heirs and legal representatives forever
And I hereby bind myself to warrant and forever
defend the title to the same unto him the said Howard
his heirs and assigns forever - against the claim of any
and all persons whomsoever lawfully claiming the same
or any part thereof

In testimony whereof I hereto sign my name and
affix ~~thereunto~~ (for seal) this 29th day of January A.D. 1857
Signed sealed and delivered Christof Trontz
in presence of
C D Lyle
J. G. McDonald