The State of Texas }
County of Bexar }

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas F. Witt a Citizen of the State of Texas do hereby Constitute and appoint George H. Giddings my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name to apply to the Treasury Department of the State of Texas for the sum of six hundred and five dollars — being the amount due me as assignee of John M. Mays claim for pay as prisoner of war under the late Republic of Texas to receive the same, to sign my name to all receipts, papers or whatever may be necessary to draw the said Money — And I moreover give my said Attorney full power to amend this letter of Attorney in such way as may be necessary and to do every thing necessary and touching the premises as fully as if I were present and acting in person — In witness of which I hereunto set my hand and seal (Scrawl for seal) this the 8th day of November A.D. 1853

Thomas F. Witt {Seal}

Attest
J. E. Genders
P. A. Lawson