Know all men by these presents, that I, James H. Wheeler, of the City of New Orleans, and State of Louisiana, late of the Navy of the late Republic of Texas, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents do constitute and appoint Phineas De Cordova, of the State of Texas, my true and lawful attorney for me, and in my name, to ask, demand, recover and receive from the Government of the State of Texas, all such sum or sums of money as may be found to be due and owing to me, by the said Government for my Services in the Navy of the late Republic of Texas, in which I served in the capacity of Midshipman, with full power to my said Attorney in my name, to do every act or acts, thing and things, that may be necessary and requisite to be done, and performed, in and about the premises for the recovery of said Money, and in my name to sign all acquittances therefor: as I might or could do if personally present; with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming and holding for firm and effectual, all that my said Attorney or his Substitute shall lawfully do, or cause to be done by virtue hereof;

Witness my hand and Seal at New Orleans this Twenty sixth day of May A.D. 1857.

James H. Wheeler

State of Louisiana
City of New Orleans } Be it remembered that