Know all men by these presents that we Lewis P Whiting, Henry L Whiting, Melissa Brooks, Gilbert Brooks Gorham L Brown and Julia A Brown the Heirs at law of the late Hervey Whiting deceased and, Benjamin E Roper and Ashbel Smith all of the County of Harris and State of Texas, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Texas in the just and full sum of four thousand dollars. For the faithful payment of which sum we do hereby bind ourselves our heirs and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents signed with our hands and sealed with our seals, using scrawls for seals this the first day of September AD 1856.

Now the condition of this obligation is as follows. That the Legislature of the State of Texas did on the 29th day of August 1856 pass an act for the relief of the Heirs of Hervey Whiting, which act was approved on the 30th day of August 1856 - wherein and whereby the proper accounting officers of the Treasury are required to issue duplicates for four last drafts, therein named and specified amounting in the aggregate to the sum of two thousand and seven dollars and ninety four cents, on certain terms and conditions, one of which was that the said Heirs should be required to enter into a bond with two or more securities to be approved by the Governor for the purpose of holding the state harmless