New York Nov 19th 1856

The preceding account of Jacob Willcox against the late Republic of Texas is just and true — He loaned me the amounts named which enabled me to complete the outfits of the Sloop of War Austin and Brig Wharton after I had failed every where else to raise the necessary funds on the faith of the Law quoted by him and a Power of Atty from the President of Texas authorizing me to borrow Ten Thousand Dollars viz

"Executive Department
City of Houston June 18th 1842

To all whom these presents may come or concern-Greeting;

Be it Known that I. Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, do, and have ordered the Treasury Department to deposite as collateral security, for the payment of the Drafts of Commodore E Wilmore contracted for the use of the Government in New Orleans, so much of the appropriation made by law, for the support of the Navy for the current year as may be necessary for the purpose aforesaid, not exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars, to be paid in the new Exchequer Bills, as soon as any of the same shall have been issued; and be it also known that so much as aforesaid, of said appropriation shall be held subject to that purpose

Seal (signed) Sam Houston