Know all men by these presents, that We, Henry O Hedgcoxe and Oliver Hedgcoxe, of the County of Travis and State of Texas, are conjointly held and firmly bound, with Betsey Merry of Warren, Herkimer County, State of New York, and Morris W. Willis and Betsey A Willis, and Orlando H. Willis of the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York; unto the State of Texas, in the sum of Eight hundred and ten dollars lawful money of the United States, to be paid to the said State of Texas; for which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this Sixteenth day of January One thousand eight hundred and fifty five. Whereas, a Certificate of Public debt, was heretofore granted by the State of Texas, for services rendered said State in the Santa Fe Expedition, by Charles C. Willis deceased; one of the Santa Fe prisoners; and whereas, said original certificate has been lost, and a duplicate thereof is asked for by the above named Betsey Merry, Morris W. Willis, Betsey A. Wilber and Orlando H. Willis as the heirs of the said Charles C. Willis deceased, and the Claimants thereof. And whereas the said heirs have entered into a bond, dated the twentyfifth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, in the sum of eight hundred and ten dollars, for the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made to the State of Texas, they, in said bond, bind and Obligate themselves, their, and each of their heirs executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by those presents; and conditioned, that if the above bounden Betsey Merry, Morris W. Willis, Betsey A. Wilber and Orlando H. Willis, or either of them, their, or either of their heirs, executors, or administrators; shall well and truly indemnify, and save harmless the State of Texas, against any loss or damage that may hereafter occur to said State, by, through, or on account of said lost certificate, or the subsequent presentation thereof; then this said bond and Obligation to be void, or otherwise to remain in full force and virtue: And whereas the laws of the State of Texas require that yet additional security shall be given to save her harmless as aforesaid; Now therefore We, the said H. O. Hedgcoxe and Oliver Hedgcoxe do hereby become the additional securities required by law. And the Condition of this Obligation is such, that if the said bounden Betsey Merrey, Morris W. Willis, Betsey A Wilber and Orlando H. Willis, Heirs of the said Charles C. Willis deceased, or either of them, their, or either of their heirs, executors or administrators, or we, the said Henry O Hedgcoxe and Oliver Hedgcoxe or either of us, or our, or either of our heirs, executors or administrators, shall well and truly indemnify and save harmless the State of Texas, against any loss or damage that may hereafter occur to said State, by, through, or on account of said lost certificate; or the subsequent presentation thereof, then this Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Henry O Hedgcoxe

Oliver Hedgcoxe