State of Maryland
County of [redacted]

Know all men by these presents that we Short A Willis and Mary Willis of the State of Maryland County of Caroline - Do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Wm Fowler of Sd county & State our true and lawful attorney in fact and agent for us and in our names as the father & mother and legal heirs of Wm Willis dec- to ask demand and receive of and from the Auditorial Board and Treasurer Department of the State of Texas for the allowance - Services. loss Spay that is for should be due and owing our deceased Son aforesaid which he rendered the late Republic of Texas on the Somervelle and any other campaign during his life time - and also for the cash value of a horse lost whilst in the Sd Service

And to settle and receive all matters and things touching the premises as completely as if we Sd Short A & Mary Willis were personally present

Hereby ratifying and confirming any and all the actings and proceedings of Sd Fowler and his Substitutes as our legal attorneys

Witness our hand & Seal for Seal this 31st day of October 1851

Test-
Signed and sealed in presence of
Thos. A. Lipsey

his
Short A Willis Seal
mark
her
Mary Willis Seal
mark

State of Court of Record with Seal of court or Commissioner of Deeds for Texas -