The State of Texas }
County of Gonzales } Know all men by these presents that I Mark W. Dikes of the County & State aforesaid do by these presents appoint Eli Mitchell of Gonzales County Texas my true & lawful attorney in fact to present to the auditor and Comptroller of the State of Texas my claim against the Government of Texas for services under Captain McCaldwell on the Campaign of 1840 in the war with the Indians and authorise him said Mitchell to demand, receive and receipt for any money or monies which is or may be due me for the same as fully as I might or could do if personally present - hereby ratifying all the acts of my said attorney in the premises

Given under my hand and seal this the 12th day of July 1854

M. W. Dikes (Seal)

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County of Gonzales } Before me F. Bennett Clerk of the County Court in and for said County came personally Mark W. Dikes to me well known who acknowledged that he had