Be it known to whom these presents may come greeting.

Know ye that reposing special confidence in the ability, integrity & legal learning of Benjamin Franklin: I do hereby, by and with the consent of the cabinet of Texas appoint him Judge in & for the judicial district of Brazos. And by these presents do invest him as such with all power jurisdiction and emoluments by law pertaining to said office ~~by law~~. To have & to hold said office until the end of the next session of Congress & no longer.

Given under my hand this eighth day of May A.D. One thousand eight hundred & thirty six and of the Republic the fifth at our place at Lexington.

By the President. Lorenzo J. Burnet

W. H. Wharton

Secretary of State

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