Republic of Texas }
County of Galveston }

Know all men by these presents, that I. I. B. Gardiner, of the County aforesaid, do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint J. Stephens, purser of the Texas Navy, and by these presents, my true and lawful attorney in fact, to act and receive from the proper department of the government of Texas, my pay for my services as officer in the Navy of said Republic, and to receipt for the same — The said Stephens, by this power of attorney is fully authorized and empowered to do all acts and all things that may be necessary to be done, or that could be rightfully done, if personally present, to receive and receipt said pay. Witness my hand and seal this fifth (5th) day of February A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty four (1844)

Witness

I. I. B. Gardiner (seal)

TX

Republic of Texas } Be it remembered, that on this day, I, William Harris, County Judge of Galveston County, personally appeared before me, the undersigned Chief Justice and Ex Officio Notary Public in and for said County and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his act and deed for the

L16-20