I Samuel M Williams resident Citizen of the Republic of Texas do hereby certify and declare that I was appointed by ex President Houston, as one of the Loan Commissioners under the Act of 1838. in Conjunction with A T Burnley Esqr. which appointment was conferred upon me by said Ex President Houston some time between the 20th and 25th of May 1838 - And that my appointment was made to take the place of Mr Thomas W Gilmer of Virginia who had been appointed some time in the year preceding. And that Ex Pres't Houston was induced to appoint me in Consequence of Mr Gilmer having been announced in the News Papers as Candidate for a seat in the Legislature of Virginia.

Austin December 1, 1839

Samuel M Williams

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