I do hereby nominate & appoint Collin McKinney Esqr my true & lawful attorney to settle my Claims against the Govt of Texas for services rendered by me as Chief Clerk to the Executive & State Depts of the Late Govt ad interim of the aforesaid Republic. And the said McKinney is hereby authorized & fully empowered to [redacted] any & all testimony necessary for the establishment of said Claims whether by affidavit, certificate or otherwise; & should it be necessary for them necessary to petition the Congress of this Republic he is authorised as though I were on the premises & acting myself to draw up & present to the said Congress a petition praying for relief; & he is further fully authorised & empowered to have my Claims against said Govt audited & scrip issued in my name for whatever amount may be allowed either by the present law; or should he petition in my behalf; whatever may be allowed by special act of Congress in my favor.

Given under my hand & seal this 16th day of Sept 1854

Thos J. Rusk (Seal)

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