Republic of Texas }
Fannin County } Know all men by these presents that I John J. Black, of the Republic and County afore said, have this day nominated Constituted and appointed, William Thurston my Agent and attorney in fact to transact all my business in the Land Land Office, to apply for and receive from the Commissioner Land Office all the patents, to which I am Entitled either in my own Name or in the Name of any other person, to receive all the patents, which I have been authorized to procure for other persons by Power of Attorney, to settle any accounts I may have with any of the Departments of the Government to receive and receipt for all moneys due them, & to transact all my business in the South of Texas, the same as I could do were I personally present.
Hereby ratifying & confirming all and singular the acts of my said Attorney in the premises.
Witness my hand & seal this 31st day of December A.D. 1844.

(TX) J. D. Black

Republic of Texas } Personally appeared
County of Fannin } before me J. D. Black who acknowledged the above instrument of writing to be his act & deed for the purposes therein expressed & contained.
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the seal of said County. Given under my hand this 1st day of January A.D. 1845.
John P. Simpson Chief Justice
and Ex off Notary Public

D10-1-2