Republic of Texas } Know All Men, by these Presents
County of Harris } that I B. Owen Payne, of said County, reposing Special Trust and Confidence in the Integrity & skill of Ben F. Hill of the County of Washington, have Constituted and appointed and do by these presents Constitute and appoint the said Ben F. Hill my true & lawful Agent and Attorney-in-fact, to receive for me and in my name of the Government of said Republic of Texas all pay due me as Captain of Ordnance from said Government, (including all arrears uncollected by my late Attorney - M. C. Hamilton Esq of the town of Washington) up to, and from and after this date; hereby fully authorizing him to collect the same - and to sign my name to any and all receipts or acquittances for the same that may be required by said Government or any of its "Regulations"; hereby binding myself, my heirs, Executors and Administrators by the acts of said Attorney in the premises.

Witness my signature this
the 14th day of May

B. Owen Payne

Republic of Texas -
County of Harris } Before me Daniel D. Culp, Notary Public of said County, Came B. O. Payne, and in my presence signed his name to the Power of Attorney, above written, acknowledging the same to be his binding act and deed -

To Certify which I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal of office this the 15th day of May A.D. 1845

Daniel D Culp

Notary Public of Harris Co.

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