Know all men by these Presents that I, Stephen Smith, of the County of Galveston, and Mississippian in the Texas Navy, have constituted, made and appointed, and by these presents do constitute, make, and appoint my true and lawful friend, Ashbury Hill, at present a resident of the City of Washington, my true and lawful attorney for me, and in my name, place, and stead, and to my use to ask, demand, recover and receive, all sums and sums of money and other demands whatsoever, which are or shall be due, owing, and payable to me by the Republic of Texas, and for the payment of which, an appropriation was made by the Eighth or last Congress, and to ask for, and receive from the Secretary of the Treasury, or the Treasurer of the Republic of Texas, or whom he may have been appointed by the law making such appropriation to discharge the same, all sums of money I may be entitled to under such law,

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giving and granting unto my said attorney by these presents, full and whole strength, power, and authority in and about the premises, to have and take all lawful ways, and means in my name for the recovery thereof, as largely and amply to all intents and purposes, as I might or could do, if I were personally present, and ratifying, allowing, and holding for firm and effectual all and whatsoever my said Attorney shall lawfully in and about the premises, by virtue hereof do and perform.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and seal the 22d day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and forty four.

Signed & sealed in the presence of
Wm. H. Rhodes

Stephen Smith

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