Know all men by these Presents, that I, Stephen D. Smith, of the County of Galveston, & Republic of Texas, have constituted, made, and appointed, and by these presents, do constitute, make, and appoint my trusty, and beloved friend, J. F. Stephens of the Republic aforesaid, my true, and lawful Attorney, for me, and in my name and stead, and to my use, to ask, demand, and receive all sums or sums of money, and other demands whatsoever, which are or shall be due owing, and payable to me, for services rendered the Republic of Texas, in the capacity of Midshipman in the National Navy of said Republic; Giving and granting, unto him the said attorney, by these Presents, my full and whole power and authority in and about the Premises, to have use, and take all lawful ways, and means, in my name for the recovery thereof; and upon the receipt of such sums of money aforesaid, all acquittances, and discharges, for me and in my name to make, seal and deliver; and to do all other necessary acts in and about the premises, as largely and amply, to all intents and purposes, as I might or could do, if I were personally present, Ratifying and holding for firm and effectual, all and whatsoever acts, my said attorney, shall lawfully do, in and about the premises, by virtue hereof.

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In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ~~forty~~ four (1844).

Signed and Sealed & delivered
in Presence of
W. H. Rhodes

Stephen D. Smith

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