

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.

LAND SCRIP.

No. 16

320 ACRES
OF LAND.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME.

BE IT KNOWN

That I, **SAM. HOUSTON**, President of the Republic of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by an act of the general Congress of this Republic, bearing date on the ninth day of June eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, requiring me to issue and dispose of Land Scrip to the amount of five hundred thousand acres.

Therefore be it known, that I, **SAM. HOUSTON**, President as aforesaid, have appointed **John K. Allen**, of the city of Houston, as the lawful Agent of this Republic, with full power and authority to dispose of and fulfil all the obligations attendant thereon.

Therefore, I, **SAM. HOUSTON**, President as aforesaid, in compliance with the provisions of the above recited act, DO DECLARE THAT

Legal representatives, are entitled to **Three hundred and twenty acres of the public domain of Texas**, agreeably to the following conditions, TO WIT:

ARTICLE 1st.—That NO PREFERENCE shall be given to any person or persons who may have hitherto obtained Lands from the Government of Texas, by purchase or bounty lands, or shall hereafter obtain them in that manner, over the holders of this Scrip, if such lands have not been already located.

ARTICLE 2d.—When the Land Offices of this Republic shall be opened, (of which the world will be duly apprised,) the holder or holders of this Scrip shall be entitled to make his or their location, on just and equitable terms with all other persons now holding Scrip; and no priority of election shall be given to those who at present hold Scrip over the purchasers of this Scrip.

ARTICLE 3d.—The holder of this Scrip shall receive his TITLE without any other expense than the purchase money.

ARTICLE 4th.—In order to hold lands by virtue of this Scrip, a residence in Texas shall not be necessary.

ARTICLE 5th.—This SCRIP shall be transferable by endorsement on the back hereof, in the following form, To WIT:—"For value received, I hereby transfer, assign, and set over all the right, title, and interest, which this Scrip gives me to the Lands herein named, to legal representatives." Which assignment must set forth the residence of the purchaser, be dated and signed by the seller, in the presence of Two WITNESSES, who must also sign; and no other act or sale of transfer shall be required, to enable the purchaser or purchasers to enter the said land and take possession thereof.

And in order that the Rights and Interests acquired by virtue of this Scrip shall at all times be maintained and preserved, Therefore, I, **SAM. HOUSTON**, President of the Republic of Texas, have signed the same, and caused the Seal of this Republic to be affixed thereto.

Done at the city of Houston, on the 24th day of June

D. D. 1837

Acting Secretary of the Treasury,

A. Brigham

Sam Houston