

This may certify that several years since, Gadsby James
applied to me to procure his Donation Land. That being satisfied
he was entitled to it, but that the land could not then be
procured, I sent down his power of attorney to secure
his claim if the office should ^{again} be opened, that sometime
after, two or three years ago, he gave me a new power
of a attorney and a discharge from confidential signed by
Saml. Smith who's hand writing I know well. That I
gave the power of attorney into the office, but as far as
I recollect retained the discharge, which I believe is at home
among my papers. I am certain however that I had it
and believed it was genuine, and have always understood
that the Secrer and no other of that name was the
Gadsby James who rendered the services and received the
discharge, which I certainly ^{and} believe. I still have
in possession

Wm. Findley
Member of Senate

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