

Bond of  
John Gaffney  
San Patricio Co

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## OATH OF OFFICE.

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I, John Gaffney, do solemnly swear  
(or affirm) that I have never taken an oath as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State Legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, and afterwards engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof: SO HELP ME GOD.

John Gaffney

SWORN and subscribed to before me this 17 day of May,

1870.

John Ryan County  
Judge San Patricio County

Oaths of  
John Gaffney  
San. Patrick Co

Recd May 27. 1870

## OATH OF OFFICE.

I, John Gaffrey, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all duties incumbent on me as Clerk District Court San Patricio County according to the best of my skill and ability; and that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State. And I do further swear (or affirm) that since the acceptance of this Constitution by the Congress of the United States, I, being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, or committed an assault upon any person with deadly weapons, or sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, or acted as second in fighting a duel, or knowingly aided or assisted any one thus offending, either within this State or out of it; that I am not disqualified from holding office under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and further, that I am a qualified elector in this State.

John Gaffrey.

SWORN and subscribed to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May,  
1870.

John Ryan County Judge  
San Patricio County

The State of Texas  
County of San Patricio  
I, John Gaffney,  
District Clerk Elected, of the County of San  
Patricio & State aforesaid, do solemnly swear  
that I have never taken an oath as a Member  
of Congress; or as an Officer of the United  
States; or as a member of any State Legislature  
or as any Executive or Judicial Officer of  
any State to support the Constitution of  
the United States, and afterwards engaged  
in insurrection or rebellion against the  
same; or given aid or comfort to the enemies  
thereof. So Help me God!

John Gaffney.

The State of Texas  
County of Refugio

Before me the undersigned, a  
Notary Public for <sup>and</sup> in the State <sup>and</sup> county above written  
personally came <sup>and</sup> appeared John Gaffney, to me well  
known, who after being duly sworn according to law  
under oath deposed that the facts contained in  
the above are true.

In testimony of which I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed my official  
seal, at my office in the town of Rockport  
this the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of April A.D. 1870

Williamson Moses  
Notary Public  
Refugio County

Oath of  
John Caffrey  
Dist. Clk  
San Patricis Co

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The State of Texas  
County of San Patricio } Know all  
men by these presents that We John  
Gaffney as principal, Owen Gaffney  
and Alexander Murphy as securities  
are held and firmly bound unto E.  
J. Davis Governor of the State of Texas  
and his successors in Office in the  
sum of Seven Thousand dollars  
good and lawful money of the United  
States which payment well and truly  
to be made we jointly bind ourselves  
our heirs, Executors and administrators  
firmly by these presents Sealed with our  
scrivals for seals this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
May A. D. 1870

The condition of this  
obligation is such that whereas the  
said John Gaffney was elected  
District Clerk of the County of San  
Patricio State of Texas at an Election  
held in said County on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
of November A. D. 1869

Now therefore  
if the said John Gaffney shall well  
and truly perform all the duties of  
District Clerk for and during the  
term he may act as such; then this

obligation to be null and void,  
otherwise to remain in full force  
and effect.

John Gaffney seal  
Owen Gaffney seal  
Alexander Murphy seal

approved

John Rigau  
County Judge San Patricio County  
County Commissioners

County Commissioners }  
Thomas Reidma }  
John Donahue }

A. B.

The necessary Revenue Stamp is  
omitted as there are none to be had,  
at present —————

District Clerk's Office  
San Patricio, Texy 19th, 1873

Gov. E. J. Davis,  
Austin Tex.

Dear Sir,

I herewith

enclose certified copy of order of County Court of San Patricio County passed Jan. Term A. D. 1873 declaring the Office of County Treasury vacant and recommending Owen Gaffney as qualified in case of appointment. The Treasurer elected at last Election holds a position under the United States Government on the Rio Grande which dis-qualifies him as Treasurer.

Awaiting your early action in the matter.

I am with much respect  
Yours Truly

John Gaffney  
District Clerk  
San Patricio County.

San Patricio Co  
notice of vacancy in  
office of  
Co. Treasurer

Sec. of State  
under notice

E. J. D.

The State of Texas  
County of San Patricio  
Be it Remembered that  
on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January A. D. 1873, there  
was begun and holden at the Court House, in the  
town of San Patricio, a Regular Term of the  
County Court in and for said County of  
San Patricio.

Present John Ryan, Presiding Justice,  
L. B. Hardman J. Pre, N<sup>o</sup>. 3  
Sidney Borden J. N<sup>o</sup>. 4,  
John Gaffney District Clerk,  
Hugh Simon Sheriff.

Whereupon the following proceedings took  
place to-wit:

Whereas the stated Treasurer  
of this County now occupies or holds an office  
under the United States Government, and it  
is well known that an Officer can not  
hold two Offices of profit and trust within  
this Government.

It is therefore Ordered and Decreed that  
said Office of County Treasurer be and is  
hereby declared vacant, and that the Clerk  
of this Court notify the Governor of this State  
of the same, and that Owen Gaffney be and is  
hereby recommended in case of appointment  
for said Office.

There being no further business before the  
Court the same was adjourned until next regular

From.

John Ryan J. P. S. P. Co.  
D. P. Hardman J. P. No. 2  
E. C. Borden " " No. 14

Attest  
John Gaffney Clerk

The State of Texas  
County of San Patricio. I, John Gaffney Clerk  
of the District Court of the aforesaid  
County and State do hereby certify that the  
above and foregoing is a true and correct  
copy of an Order passed by the County  
Court at its January Term A. D. 1873.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto  
signed my name, and affixed the  
Seal of the District Court, this 19th  
day of February A. D. 1873.

John Gaffney District  
Clerk, San Patricio Co

Certified copy of  
Order County Court  
of San Patricio Co.  
Declaring Precursors  
Office vacant