Republic of Texas
County of Montgomery } Know all men by these presents that I William W Shepperd of the County and Republic aforesaid Mail Contractor for Route No 7 to from Houston to Cincinatti for the Year Eighteen hundred and forty two and three have made constituted and appointed and do by these presents make constitute and appoint Charles B Stewart my true and lawful agent and attorney in fact in my name to apply for and receive from the Secretary of State or head of Post Office Department all and every sum of money which will be due and owing for carrying the Mail on said Route No 2 Years to wit the sum of Nine hundred dollars per annum in quarterly payments or otherwise as the same may be paid & to receipt and acquit therefor and to do all acts and things which may be necessary in order to obtain and receive said moneys due or which will be due for carrying the Mail as aforesaid, I also authorise and empower the said Charles B Stewart to appoint an agent and attorney under him in the premises who shall lawfully empowering and authorise by him the said Stewart to do all and every act which he the said Stewart may do in the premises - or which I do hereby intend and mean that he the said Stewart shall and may do for the purposes and intentions above expressed or intended so to be - Hereby ratifying and confirming all and singular the acts and deeds which he the said Stewart may do in the premises either by himself or his agent sign seal (sealing with my seal which recognise as my seal these presents and deliver

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