Goliad, Oct 13th 1856

Jas H. Raymond Esq

Dear Sir

According to Instructions in yours of date 18th of August I have procured the Certificate of two witnesses, about the heirs of Capt James Bird, and found there was another heir Mrs M. Sampel, and I have taken her power of Attorney also, and in that they have placed my name as in the other, and I send you a receipt for the money, as directed, I hope all right know, and there will be further trouble,

I forward this to V. C. Dunal Esqr, as he may see some chance of sending me the money before you do, please give it your early attention and oblige yours &c

I Am yours Truly E. Lutes

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Received of James H. Raymond Treasurer of the State of Texas in full of Public debt Certificate No 2252, for forty seven 125/100 dollars, issued to Capt James Bird deceased as per Power of Attorney, from the heirs of said Bird, Daniel Bird, Wiley Duran and Martha Sampel

Goliad, Oct 14 1856

E. Lutes
Atty for heirs