Comptroller's Office
Austin Nov 16th 1853

Hon J. P. Robertson
Independence.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 11th inst, I have to say, that the regulation established in relation to the payment of Claims for Services rendered in the army by a Substitute, is to pay the Substitute unless the Original party, can show that it was understood between them that he was to receive the amount. So that it will be necessary for Joseph Bratton or in case of his death, the representatives of his Estate, to give his consent, to enable Mrs Champet to draw from the Treasury the pay in question

With great respect
Your Ob Serv.

James Shaw
Comptr

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December 3rd 1853 } As the representative of the estate of Joseph Bratton deceased I consent to the payment of the within amount to Mrs Mary E Champet It being the contract between the parties in their respective lifetimes