The State of Texas } Know all men by these presents
County of Rusk } that I Henderson Birdwell
have this day appointed
N. C. Raymond my true and lawful attorney
to ask of Prosecute and adjust with the State of
Texas any claim or claims that I may have
growing out of my services to the late Republic
of Texas - and any receipt that may be made
by my said attorney for any money he may
receive shall be as valid and good in law &
as if done by me in person. Witness my
under my hand and seal using a scrawl
by way of seal this 20th day of February 1854

attest
Henderson Birdwell (Seal)
James D. Taylor
Robert Mattock

The State of Texas }
County of Rusk } Before me the undersigned
authority this day personally appeared
James D. Taylor to me well known and
after being duly sworn on oath says that
he saw Henderson Birdwell sign the
above & foregoing Power of Attorney & that
acknowledge his signature ~~[illegible]~~
to be for the purposes and consideration
therein set forth and expressed and
that he with Robert Mattock signed the
same as witnesses at his request -

(TS)

Given under my hand and
seal of Office, at Office in
Henderson this the 20th day
of Feby A.D. 1854 [illegible]
Clerk Rusk Co