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by these Presents, that I Louis C Blake of the City aforesaid, have nominated appointed and constituted, and do by these Presents nominate, appoint & constitute Geo I Durham Esqr of the City of Austin, State of Texas, my true and lawfull Attorney in Fact and do put the said Geo I Durham in my place and stead, for the following special purpose, that is to say, I do hereby grant to the said Geo I Durham full power and authority in my name and on my behalf to ask and obtain for me, from the proper Officer of the State all Lands or monies due to me by virtue of my Discharge as a Volunteer of the Artillery Company of the Santa Fé Pioneers. And I do further authorize and empower my said Attorney to do all and every Act which may be necessary and which I would be required to do were I present in person for the purpose of carrying the present Mandate into complete execution and effect, hereby promising to ratify at all times what my said Attorney may have done, by Virtue of the Same.