State of Texas }
County of Fayette } Know all men that I Maria Ernst formerly the widow of H Bray decd and surviving heir of his said Estate do by these presents this day constitute and appoint D McStapp My true and lawful attorney for me and in my name to demand receive and receipt for, any and all sums of Money due the said estate for services rendered the late Republic of Texas - By H Bray - The said H Bray having died in the Mountains on the Santa Fe Expedition. and no administration having opened on his said estate - Hereby Ratifying all the acts of my said atty legally done in the premises -

Witness my hand and seal this 30th day of October A.D. 1852.

Maria Ernst (seal)

J J Ernst (seal)

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State of Texas } Personally appeared before me a
County of Fayette } Notary Public, for the County and State I H Ernst - and his Wife Maria Ernst - who acknowledges that they signed the above Power - attorney, for the purposes therein set - forth and expressed - The said Maria Ernst - having been examined separate and apart from her Husband says she signed the same with her own free