Bastrop 30th Oct 1852

Jas B Shaw Esq

Dear Sir. — Enclosed I send you power of Attorney from E J Merriman admr of Jas Martin dec^d to draw his military pay. There is something coming to him. I want $31.00/100 dolls of the amt. to go to the credit of Wm R Reding late assr & coll of this County, as he is one of the creditors of Martins Estate. The balance, if any, keep for me — Draw the money & keep the same for Reding, informing him through me if it is right.

Yours Truly
James A Pough

NB The certificate of the Clerk is dated in June 1852 (which I obtained at that time for same purpose). But Merriman is still admr of the estate. I hope this one will do now

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