drawn it for him? Mr Mechlin says in his letter to me "April 1852" that he mailed the "power of attorney shortly after my brother sailed for California, which was in 1848," and that he received a reply to his second letter "after long delay." Now I know that as late as the 18th Nov 1849 the firm of Mechlin & Winder were "daily in expectation of receiving a certificate from the Comptroller & Auditor of Texas" because it is so stated in their letter to me of that date.

I parted from my brother a year ago in California & though I have written to him informing him of the loss of the power of attorney to Mechlin & Winder yet it is doubtful whether he will ever get the letter, because I do not know his whereabout though I know that he was in San Francisco in January last. Will you have the kindness to inform me when the claim will be barred by the statute of limitation, if there be any such, and to give me any other information upon this subject of value to my brother or those interested for him. By so doing you will greatly oblige

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
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