State of Texas
County of Galveston

Know all men by these presents that I Mrs ~~Gabriel~~ Odeal Maxwell the Mother of P. Menard Maxwell dec^d. Who was one of the Volunteers captured at Mier by the Mexican forces - the only surviving parent of the said P. Menard Maxwell at the time of his death and heir of the said P. Menard Maxwell for good and sufficient Causes hereto moving have constituted and appointed and by these presents do Constitute and appoint Benjamin F. Hill of the City of Austin my true and lawful Attorney for me and for my benefit to present the annexed discharge to the proper Officers of the State of Texas and to procure for me and in my name such certificates or Evidences of debt as the Auditor & Comptroller are authorized to issue under & in virtue of an Act approved the 9th of February 1857. Entitled "An act for the relief of certain persons, formerly prisoners of War in Mexico

In Evidence Whereof I sign this act affixing a scroll as & for my seal. this 16th Decr. 1858.

Odeal Maxwell

Witness
Benj. F. Franklin