Republic of Texas
County of Houston } Know all men by these presence that I. J. McElyea, Reposing special trust and Confidence in John Bird, Have on this the 9th day of April A.D. 1845, Nominated Constituted and appointed him said Bird my true and effectual agent and attorney for me and in my name place and stead to apply to the proper Officers of this Government for all the pay or Emoluments of whatsoever nature may accrue to me or my heirs for Services Rendered in the Mier Expedition in the Company of Capt. Wm M Eastland, Hereby granting and Extending unto him my said Attorney all the power I myself am possess of in doing and performing all & singular the acts necessary to be done touching the premises declaring the same to be as legal and binding on me as, if I personally done the same

And after he may have procured the pay for said Services he is authorised to use enjoy or dispose of the same at his will and pleasure, he having paid me to my entire satisfaction for the same

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Scroll by way of a seal on the day and Year above written

Attest
W. H. Dunn
William Moore

J. McElyea
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Seal