Know all men by these presents that I, John Kennedy Duncan of the County of Fayette and commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Guardian of the person and estate of Mary Louisa Mellier of the County and commonwealth aforesaid duly appointed, have made constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint Charles De Selding of the City of Washington D. C. my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name as guardian to ask demand sue for and recover and receive all such sums of money debts goods wares and other demands whatsoever which are now or shall be due owing payable or belonging to my said ward by any manner or means whatsoever in the commonwealth of Texas

Especially to ask for and receive from the said commonwealth of Texas all debts and sums of money demands claims &c, &c, which may be due owing or payable to my said ward in any manner whatsoever by the said commonwealth.

Giving and granting unto my said Attorney by these presents, my full power and authority in and about the premises to have use and take all lawful means in my name as guardian for the purpose aforesaid and upon the receipts of any such debts &c &c acquittances and all other sufficient and sufficient discharges for me and in my name as guardian aforesaid to make seal and deliver and generally to do all other acts and things necessary to be done in and about the premises for me and in my name as guardian aforesaid

Hereby ratifying all that my said Attorney may do by virtue of these presents, In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eighteenth day of October Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and fifty three

attest

W. Wilson

John Kennedy Duncan (Seal) Guardian
of Mary Louisa Mellier