Galveston Jany 27 '76.

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Dear Sir

Herewith enclosed please find following documents respecting claim of Albert Mellen against the Republic —

1st Affidavits of heirship
2nd Power of Atty from Totten & wife to Deseldoing
3rd " " " " Nevin & wife to "
" " " " " Deseldoing to O. C. Hartley —

You will observe that according to the affidavits, two of the heirs married after the former powers of atty which you have, and therefore we obtained new ones — The power from the third one is among the papers sent the board —

Now then, in conclusion, I invest you with all the powers of earth so far as no one lies, to receive the money on said claim, and I hereby warrant and defend you and the state of Texas from all harm because of the want of a full & duly acknowledged document from me.

Respectfully
O. C. Hartley

P. S. Send draft on this place —