Robt C Tolten
James H Hopkins

Know all men by these presents, That We Robert C. Tolten and Mary Louisa his wife of Pittsburg in the State of Pennsylvania, have made and do hereby make, constitute and appoint Charles C. Belding of the City of Washington, District of Columbia to be our true and lawful Attorney for us and in our name place and stead to ask, demand and prosecute any and all claims which we have, either separately or jointly with others or which we may hereafter have, against the Government of the United States, or that of the State of Texas; and more particularly to appear and act for us and in our names and behalf, in relation to any claim against the said Governments or either of them, for services rendered by Albin Mellin, now deceased; with full power to adjust, settle and compromise any and all of the claims aforesaid, on such terms as to our Attorney shall seem fit and proper; to receive any and all moneys which may be due us on such settlement and to grant acquittances and discharges therefor; to appear before any and all committees of either Government or before any of the officers of either, for the purpose of making proof of our said claim or claims; to collect and receive any and all written vouchers, documents and other proofs relating to the premises, and to sign seal and deliver or to sign and deliver as the case may require, any and all contracts agreements or other writings proper or expedient to be by us executed in the prosecution of said claims, and, [illegible] to do any and all acts of whatever nature or description, in regard to said claims, for us and in our names, which we could do and perform, if personally present to attend to the matters aforesaid; with full power of substitution and revocation, so that the acts of our said Attorney and his substitutes shall be binding in every respect upon us.

In witness whereof, we have hereto set our hands and seals this 10th day of January A.D. 1856.

Attest
James H. Hopkins

Mary Louisa Tolten [seal]
Robt C. Tolten [seal]