Know all men by these presents, That I, Charles De Selding, of Washington City, District of Columbia, duly appointed by the heirs of Albin Mellier (whose several Powers of Attorney and proof of heirship are made part of this instrument) and authorized to represent them in the premises, have made, constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint Oliver C. Hartley Esqr., of Galveston, Texas, my true and lawful Attorney for me, and on behalf of my constituents and in my and in their names to ask, demand sue for and recover from the Commonwealth of Texas all debts and sums of money which may be due owing or payable to the heirs of Albin Mellier, for services whilst of a Alg in Mellier way in the employ of the Texan Government; and receive all such sums of money and their demands whatsoever which are now or shall be due, owing and payable to said heirs; to make compromises if necessary and effect settlements as may seem best to my said Attorney.

Giving and granting unto my said Attorney by these presents, full power and authority in and about the premises, to have, use and take all lawful means in my name and in the names of the heirs of Albin Mellier for the purposes aforesaid; and upon the receipts of any money, acquittances and all other suitable and sufficient discharges for me, as the Attorney for the heirs of Albin Mellier, to make, seal and deliver and generally to do all other acts and things necessary to be done in and about the premises. Hereby ratifying all that my said Attorney may lawfully do in virtue of these presents.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of January Anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty six.

Signed and sealed in the presence of:

Albert Ebeling

Frederic H Larken

Charles De Selding