Galveston Feb 18th 1857

Messrs Deborchovas
Gentlemen

I herewith empower you with full power of Atty as administrator to procure the long certificate of the Late Maj J W Murray for services rendered as a Mex prisoner for which he is entitled by a recent act of the Legislature and which I have been informed by letters from the proper Department to be at the rate of $70 or 80. pr month for about two years services as adjutant which I suppose will amount to about $2.000

I have learned through various sources that some person at present to me unknown in Victoria County has also taken out letters (probably of recent date) and also applied for the same. and the proper officer in the Dept. declines delivering it until he is satisfied who is the one acting in good faith and according to Law. Consequently I have procured a certified copy of the date of my succession and made an affidavit ~~that~~ (in the absence of other proof) that I have visited the only known heir and kept the estate opened for the purpose of securing justice to him — Now I have been subjected to a great deal of expense, anxiety, and delay: thus far more than I expect to ever receive remuneration