The State of Texas }
County of Galveston } Know all men by these presents
That I L W Benedict of the City and
County of Galveston in the State aforesaid and
Administrator of the Estate of Thos W Murray decd
have made constituted and appointed and
by these presents do make constitute and appoint
Jacob De Cordova and P Cordova of the County
of Travis in the State aforesaid my true and
lawful Attorneys, for me and in my name,
place and stead to recover apply for and receive
from the State of Texas or the proper Officer or
Officers thereof any certificate demand or audited
claim or other obligation against the State of Texas
and issued by the same to the said Thos. W. Murray
his representatives or heirs for services rendered by him
the said Murray to the late Republic of Texas. And
I hereby authorize and empower both or either of my
said Attorneys to act in the premises and to do
every thing thereabouts that is or may become necessary
as fully generally and completely as I my self could
do and perform were I personally present acting in
the premises. And what ever discharge release
acquittance or receipt shall be given or executed
by my said Attorneys or by either of them on
obtaining and receiving the said certificate or audited
claim shall be binding upon me and held for firm
and effectual by me. Hereby revoking all former
powers of attorney whensoever and to whomsoever
granted and made. Witness my hand and seal true
thereof on this 18th day of Feb A D 1857.

L W Benedict (L S)
Adm. Estate T. W. Murray

The State of Texas }
County of Galveston }

Before me the undersigned on this day personally
came and appeared L W Benedict Adm. &c who acknowledged that
he had signed and executed the foregoing Instrument of writing for
the purposes and consideration therein stated —
Witness my hand & the Seal of the County Court
of said County on this 18th day of Feby A D 1857
Thos W Murphy
Chief Justice
Galveston County