Hon Tho J Jennings
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Dr Sir

In 1848 Dr Wm M Shepherd gave Menucan Hunt a Power of attorney (a copy of which accompanies) to prosecute & adjust before the Auditor & Comptroller his Claim for services as Surgeon on the Mier Expedition. Hunt had the Claim issued in two Certificates of equal amounts one of which he delivered to Dr Shepherd and the other he transferred to Henry Sampson of Houston. The Treasurer refused to pay on Hunts transfer alleging that the Power of attorney gave Hunt no authority to Transfer or Collect. Sampson has transferred the Certificate to E. J. Hart of N. Orleans.

Dr Shepherd makes application for a duplicate under the act of the Legislature Relating to Lost Certificates of Public Debt Appr 7th Feby 1853. D. McGregor atty of Hart files the accompanying protest.

Under the Circumstances is Dr Shepherd entitled to a Duplicate by complying with the provisions of the law above referred to?

Your early answer will much oblige

Respectfully
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