The State of Texas }
County of Aransas }

Know all men by these presents that I Berry Merchant of the State & County above named do hereby authorize and empower A. W. May of the State & County before mentioned to act as my legal representative and in my stead as my lawful attorney to collect from the State of Texas the pension warrants or bonds or such other of payment as may be made by said State of Texas to give receipts for same for me and in my name to and in every respect act for me in the collection receiving and receipting for same and the acts of said A. W. May to have full force and effect as if made by me. Said claim for pension be same as I made application for about four years ago and being for services rendered to Texas in the war of Independence against Mexico in the year 1836 when I was a soldier in Capt William Sheridan Co made up of men from Sanetugustine & Shelby County of Eastern Texas afterwards transfered to Capt Richards Hooper Co who was elected by the soldiers in the field who remained in command until Election