Republic of Texas
Washington County

Know all men by these presents that I, Joseph B. Eldridge, do by these presents constitute and appoint Charles Mariner my true and lawful attorney during my temporary absence from the Republic, to receive for me and in my name such sums as may be due me from time to time as Chief Clerk of the Department of State to sign all necessary receipts in my name, and in all other matters that may arise in which I am interested, to do and act for me as he shall deem best, as fully as if I were personally present, hereby ratifying all that he my said attorney may

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