Know all men by these presents that I, Robert M. Aldrich of Galveston County in the Republic of Texas do hereby constitute and appoint Robert Allen, Esq. true and lawful attorney to settle all claims between Philbert & Aldrich in the State of Louisiana, and the Government of Texas, and to sign my name as the attorney of said Philbert & any receipts or other papers necessary to be signed in effecting said settlement between said Philbert & the Republic of Texas. And I hereby ratify and confirm that my said attorney shall lawfully do in the premises. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2d day of April A.D. 1841

In presence of

Francis L. Brown

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