Republic of Texas
County of Robertson } Know all persons
by these presents that I James Merlin
have this day nominated constituted
and appointed by these presents do
nominate constitute and appoint James
Cole Charles Ray true and lawful attorney
for me & in my name to appear
in the proper office of the commissioner
of the general land office of the Republic
of Texas and there and place
with my own hand, sign, seal and
deliver my bond for the sum of
Twenty thousand dollars, and
have and receive the patent for
land, money or any other article
which shall be due me under and by
virtue of the act of congress entitled
an act to encourage the population
of this Republic by granting land
to the heads of families, in pursuance
of the act of congress passed
the 4th day of December 1840

James Merlin (Seal)

James B. Cole
Charles Ray

Republic of Texas
Robertson County } This day personally
came & appeared before me James
Merlin, Cole & Ray, Commissioner
of the general land office of the Republic
of Texas, and acknowledged that he
signed sealed & delivered the foregoing
power of attorney for the purposes
therein mentioned. Given under my
hand & seal of office this 21st day of
December A.D. 1840

Thos. Pinckney Lehuffman
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