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Be it known by these presents to all whom it may concern that I, Don Joseph de Vrruttia, captain for life of the company of the royal presidio of S. Antonio de Béxar, state that I give such power as may be necessary and required by law to Don Ygnacio González de Jordán, a resident of said presidio and villa of S. Fernando, in general, so that in all civil or criminal lawsuits, litigations and transactions now in progress and pending or which may in the future be brought against me by persons of any estate, class or condition whatever, he shall make demands and offer defense to each and all of them before the king, Our Lord, in his royal audiencias of these kingdoms and before all the tribunals, judges and courts, higher or lower, ecclesiastical or secular before which he may and shall appear according to law. He shall recover, receive, demand and collect, judicially or extrajudicially, from any and all persons any and all such amounts as they may owe me now or in the future, in currency, gold, silver, grain, ..., fruit, ..., deeds, bonds, ^{account-}charge accounts, ^{books, conozimientos} bills of lading, memorandums, drafts, invoices,

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commissions, or in any other form. To this end and in order that this power shall cover in general all the cases that ^{may} occur and all the effects that may belong or be tendered to me, it shall not be necessary to specify therein litigants, debtors, amounts nor cases. He shall give and grant in my name, for the amounts received and collected, receipts, settlements, quittances, cancellations and lastos, plus affidavits of receipt or refusal of money, ...and payment of the receipt when ... save at present and when given by a notary. In all disagreements, lawsuits or controversies, he shall ask for and examine the accounts of persons obligated to render same to me; file charges and hear pleas of defense, justly and competently; make compromises and agreements ... alternatives in the ... // ^{lv}above-mentioned in this said power. When necessary to appeal the decision, he may and shall appear before each or all of the afore-mentioned tribunals and judges; make and present claims, requisitions, petitions, contradictions, refutals, pretests, accusations, allegations pro or con, and answer the charges of the opposition. He shall make imprisonments and releases therefrom, attachments of property and releases therefrom, seizures and sales, selling at auction such effects as he may take possession of and seize. He shall prosecute, support and defend claims by presenting writs, documents, affidavits, witnesses and proof. For the purpose of verification, he shall obtain from the Archives

and the authority in charge the documents and records which will serve me as evidence and proof and in refuting the allegations of the opposition. He shall endorse favorable allegations made by witnesses in person or presented in writing. He shall make and cause to be made by the opposition oaths of truth, calumny and retractions and of yn littem. He shall ask for terms effective locally and overseas, for restitution or waiver. He shall reject judges, lawyers, notary clerks and other kinds of clerks. He shall file suits, making oath and presenting proof, or whenever convenient, he shall withdraw action. He shall close legal proceedings, hear decrees and sentences, intermediate and final, acquiescing when favorable and when unfavorable, appealing and applying for a new trial and carrying it on through all its stages, instances, ^{pleas} stipulations and sentences until the final verdict, shall be rendered. He shall obtain royal decrees granting writs of execution, compulsion, and summons, letters of equity and any other expedient favorable to me. For the execution of this said power I do hereby grant him general, complete and unrestricted administration with authority to institute legal proceedings, swear to oaths and appoint or dismiss substitutes when necessary and I do hereby revoke, annul and declare of no effect any or all documents, powers, and memorandums which I may have made or granted prior to this //²in writing or by word of mouth. For

the execution of the provisions of this said power and of whatever else may be done by virtue of it, I pledge my person and my present and future assets and give power to His Majesty's judges and justices, especially to those of this province and the royal audiencias of this kingdom of New Spain, to whose law and jurisdiction I submit, renouncing my own home and community, the law of Si cumbeneritt de Jurisdictione omnion Judicum, the general laws, and all the others which might be in my favor and defense. They shall bind and compel me as if it were by a sentence legally passed in a lawsuit. Done in the said presidio and villa of S. Fernando, jurisdiction of Thexas and New Philippines, on the twenty-third day of the month of August, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven. I, the notary, testify that I know the undersigned, thus I record it and sign it in my record book, the witnesses being Don Bizentte Alvarez Trabieso, Don Antonio Rodríguez Mederos and Don Manuel Ramírez de la Piszina, present and residents.

Joseph de Vrrutia

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Done in my presence:

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Notary Public and {Secretary} of the Municipal Council

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{D.S., August 23, 1737,