on said claims by said officers of the said State. And I hereby specially substitute & appoint said H. T. Johnson my Attorney to act in my place & stead as Attorney as aforesaid, Pro Tem Atty of the Estate of John Smith decd, hereby authorize him to ask demand receive from the officers of said State, the Amount due said Estate & to give the necessary receipts release, relinquishments therefor, and to do & perform for me all acts things necessary in the premises for the collection of the claims herein named in as full & perfect a manner as I could do were I personally present, hereby ratifying & confirming all that my said Attorney may do in the premises by virtue of the powers herein conferred

Witness my Hand & Seal this 10 day of May 1852

M. B. Bennett Seal