To all whom these presents shall come Greeting

Thomas Jefe Hardeman late of Bastrop County in the State of Texas by his last will and testament dated the seventeenth day of July Eighteen hundred and fifty, duly proven and admitted to record in the County Court of the said County of Bastrop, among other things provided as follows to wit: Fourth it is my will and wish that whenever appropriate time shall arrive for the discharging of the debt which I hold against the State of Texas, amounting to upwards of thirteen thousand dollars to the best advantage for the Interest of my heirs and Legatees, That Campbell Taylor ~~witness~~ I appoint and hereby authorize and direct shall have the charge and control of the same who shall dispose of the same as aforesaid at the best price that he may be able to obtain for the said debt and shall first pay out of the proceeds of said debt to the subscribers or their heirs the amount of money by them subscribed for my relief for the value of a certain Negro boy, and the Remainder of said debt I give and bequeath to my brothers and sisters, or their heirs to be held by said Campbell Taylor, Subject to the control of a majority of said Legatees Know all men by these presents that we Francis H. McAtee and Elizabeth his wife (who is one of the sisters of said Jefe Hardeman deceased) of Bigg Springs Meade County in the State of Kentucky, do hereby make constitute and appoint Thomas J Hardeman of Cincinnatti Ohio and David Harder Jun of Bastrop Texas to be Jointly or either by himself alone our true sufficient and Lawfull attorneys or attorney for us and in our name and in the behalf of us or either of us as the case may Require, to institute and use all necessary means and proceedings whatever for fully and finally Receiving and Settling for the Legacy aforesaid or so much thereof as we or either of us may or ought to have; And if it shall be found necessary to borrow or advance money for paying the subscription debt charged upon said Legacy in order to recover and receive said Legacy. we do hereby authorize and empower our said attorneys or either of them to