Be it known these presents shall serve Greeting &c &c

Whereas Jesse Hardeman late of Bastrop County in the State of Texas by his last will and Testament dated the twenty-seventh day of July in the year Eighteen hundred and Fifty duly proven and admitted to Record in the County Court of said County of Bastrop, Among other things willed as follows, to wit" Fourth it is my will and wish that whenever a proper time shall arrive for the disposing 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 whom 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 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 Campbell Taylor Subject to the control of a majority of said Legatees" Now Know all men by these presents That We John A Hardeman (Who is one of the brothers of said Jesse Hardeman dec) and Jane his wife Leadenville Macoupin County State of Illinois do hereby make constitute and appoint Thomas J Hardeman of Cincinnatti Ohio and David Hardeman of Bastrop in Texas to be Jointly or either of them by himself alone our true sufficient and lawfull attorney or attorneys for us and in the 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 recovering 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 hastening the subscription Debt charged upon