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To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting
Whereas Jesse Hardeman late of Bastrop County in the State of
Texas, By his Last will and Testament dated the Seventeen
~~day of July in the Year Eighteen hundred and fifty duly~~
proven and admitted to Record in the County Court in said
County of Bastrop, among other things is called as follows to wit
Fourth "It is my will and wish that whenever a proper
time shall — 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 benefit
of his 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 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, 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" Now Know all men by these presents that we
Thomas J Hardeman (who is one of the Brothers of said Jesse
Hardeman deceased, and Sarah Ann his wife of Cincinnatti
Hamilton County in the State of Ohio, do hereby make constitute
and Appoint David Hardeman of Bastrop, in Texas,
to be our true and Sufficient and Lawfull Attorney for us
and in the name and in the behalf of us to institute and
and use all necessary means and proceedings whatsoever for
fully and finally recovering and settling for the Legacy
aforesaid or as much thereof as we or either of us 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 Authorize and empower our said Attorney to borrow
and advance upon the faith and credit of our said