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The State of Texas } In County Court
County of Galveston } To all to whom these
Letters shall come Greeting. Whereas at the
June Term of the Honble County Court of
Galveston County the last Will and Testament
of William E. Ruse deceased was duly admitted
to probate and ordered to be recorded, and whereas
at the said Term of the Court a decree was
rendered and entered of record appointing
William R Smith Administrator with the Will
annexed of said Estate of William E Ruse deceased
upon condition of his executing bond as
therein required and upon his taking the oath
by Statute required. And whereas the said William
R Smith has executed such bond and taken
such oath. Now therefore I Thomas M
Joseph Chief Justice of the County of Galveston
in virtue of the premises and authority in me by
Law vested, having especial confidence in the
ability and integrity of the said William R
Smith do by these presents appoint the said
William R Smith Administrator with the
will annexed of the Estate of the said William
E. Ruse deceased. Hereby vesting him with all
the powers legally appertaining & belonging
to such appointments

In witness whereof I Thomas M
Joseph chief Justice of the County
aforesaid hereto subscribed my name
& caused to be affixed the seal of said
Court with the attestation of the Clerk
thereof this 16th day of July AD 1857

Attest
Oscar Fank clk

Thos. M. Joseph Chief Justice
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