United States of America
State of Louisiana City of New Orleans
By this Instrument of procuration. Be it known that on this Second day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty and of the Independence of the United States of America the seventy fourth before me William Christy a Notary Public in and for the City and Parish of New Orleans, State of Louisiana aforesaid duly commissioned sworn personally came & appeared Samuel Decker Junior of this City who declared that he had made appointed and does by these present make ordain nominate, authorize, constitute & appoint and in his place stead depute & put Simeon L. Jones of the City of Galveston in the Republic of Texas to be his true & lawful attorney in fact, general giving and by these presents granting unto his said attorney full power and absolute authority for him and in his name to ask demand, sue for, recover receive of and from all & every person and persons whomsoever, all & every sum & sums of money due & owing or that may hereafter become due & owing to him on any & every account to give acquittances and receipts for the same or at his discretion to compound compromise & agree for the same and give discharges and also for him and in his name to sign any bond obligation, contract or agreement or other paper whatsoever to draw & accept & endorse promissory notes to draw & accept bills of exchange, also for him and in his name to buy and sell all & every kind of property real personal & mixed and slaves and to make & receive all necessary deeds of Conveyance & assurances for the same. and also for him and in his name to do all such other acts matters and things in relation to his property estate & affairs and business of every kind or nature whatsoever as he himself might or could do if personally present and acting thereon it being his intention by these Letter of attorney to commit to the said Simeon L. Jones the entire management and and