THE STATE OF TEXAS, } County Court Pertaining to Estates,
COUNTY OF Cherokee } February Term, 1859.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME,----GREETING:

Know Ye, That Thomas J. Johnson is this day duly appointed Administrator of the Estate of Sidney Smith deceased, and the said Thomas J. Johnson having given Bond and approved Security for the faithful performance of his duties as such; these are therefore to authorise the said Johnson to enter upon and take possession of all the estate of said deceased, both real and personal, and administer in accordance with the law and the order of this Court, all and singular the lands, tenements, goods, chattels, rights and credits thereunto appertaining; to collect by suit or otherwise all sums of money due said estate, and pay in accordance with the mode pointed out by law all which it was, or such portion thereof as it may be able to pay, first making and returning to this Court, within sixty days from date, a full and complete inventory and appraisement of all its property and effects of every description, including a list of its claims, rights and credits; and the said Johnson is hereby authorised to take proper measures by suit at law or otherwise, for the recovery of any property belonging to said estate, which may be in the possession of any other person or persons who may be endeavoring to retain it; and is hereby invested with all necessary power to administer said estate as required by law, subject to the discretion of this Court, to which he will make full report of all his acts in the premises when required according to law.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our official signatures, and the Seal of said Court, in the town of Rusk, on the 7th day of March, A. D. eighteen hundred and fifty nine

A. H. Coupland Chief Justice
of Cherokee county.

Attest: W. J. Pittman County Clerk
of Cherokee county.