William M. Thomas &
Henry B. Thomas
To
John C. Thomas Jr.

Letter of Attorney

Filed May 19th 1853.

State of Texas
County of Leon } Know all men by these presents that I William M. Thomas and I Henry B. Thomas both of lawful age and both resident Citizens of the County of Leon & State aforesaid, for and in consideration of the paternal Love, Gratitude and benefits, had and received of our Father John C. Thomas Senior, Also of the aforesaid County & State, do by these presents, make, Ordain, Appoint and Constitute the aforesaid John C. Thomas Senr, our General Agent & Attorney Absolute Authority, to represent us in any part of the United States wherein our interest, requires, requires our personal attention and in our names, and to and for our use and behoof, to ask demand, have, take, receive and receive all inturnances, legacies, bequests, Shares, interests, Claims or demands, that shall or may already have any ways by testamentary last will, Codicil, or otherwise been given, made, left, bequeathed or devolved, or shall or may hereafter from time to time be given, made, left, bequeathed or devolved, appertain or belong to us the said Constituents from all and every estate, effects, heirs, executors, Administrators, Assigns, & of and from whomsoever else it doth, shall or may concern in any part of the United States, and more especially in the State of South Carolina and for whatever shall be received proper acquittances, releases and discharges for the same or any part thereof to give, Sign, and execute in the name of these Constituents or otherwise - And further we the said Constituents doth hereby authorize and empower our said Attorney John C. Thomas Senr to substitute one or more Attorneys under him and those again at pleasure to revoke, and Generally to do every thing other act matter or thing as shall be necessary and requisite to be done for the more effectually to recover and obtain the Rights, interest and claims of us the said Constituents in the premises, in as full and ample manner as we the abovenamed Constituents might or could do if personally present and doing the same jointly or severally, And for all the lawful actings and doings of our said Attorney, in and about the premises he may do in and about the premises, or cause to be done We hereby ratify and confirm the same, and do hereby bind Ourselves, our and each of our heirs, Executors, Administrators or assigns. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals for Seals, this Twenty Eighth day of March One thousand eight hundred and fifty three, In the Town of Centreville County of Leon & State of Texas

Signed Sealed & delivered
In presence of
Thos. P. Mortimer
Levi Morgan

William M. Thomas (SS)
Henry B. X Thomas (SS)
his mark

State of Texas
County of Leon } Before me John H. Potts Clerk of the County Court in and for the County of Leon and State of Texas, personally came and appeared William M. Thomas and Henry B. Thomas, both resident Citizens of said County and to me well known, and both being of lawful age, and acknowledge in my presence that they had executed the foregoing and within letter of attorney for all the purposes and considerations therein contained, and fully expressed.

(SS) In Faith of which I hereto set my hand and affix the Seal of my office, on this 24th day of March A.D. one thousand Eight Hundred and fifty three - In office at the Town of Centreville County & State aforesaid. John H. Potts
Clerk Co. Ct. Leon State aforesaid

State of Texas
County of Leon } To all To Whom these Presents may come Greeting. Know Ye that I Forester Robinson Chief Justice and Ex officio Judge of the County Court, in and for the County of Leon, and State of Texas do hereby Certify that John H. Potts whose name is subscribed to the above Certificate of acknowledgement of proof is the duly qualified Clerk of said Court and in accordance with the Statute made and provided in such case, thereby duly authorized to take such acknowledgements, for and for said County and State.

In Testimony of which I hereunto subscribe my name, and cause the Seal of our said Court to be affixed hereto, Done in Vacation, at the Town of Centreville, County and State aforesaid, this twenty fifth day of March A.D. Eighteen hundred and fifty three.

(SS)

Forester Robinson
Chief Justice & Ex Officio Judge of Co. Ct. Leon Co. State of Texas

Attest John H. Potts
Clerk Co. Ct. Leon
Co State of Texas.

Recorded 19th May 1853

Chief Justice of Leon Co
To
John C. Thomas

Letters of Guardianship No. 111.

Filed 19th May 1853.

The State of Texas
County of Leon } To John C. Thomas of said County and State Greeting. I Forester Robinson Chief Justice in and for the County of Leon in said State of Texas, reposing special confidence in your integrity and ability do commit unto you the said John C. Thomas the Guardianship of the property of the Minors Samuel P. Thomas and John C. Thomas Jr. Your sons and by virtue of the Authority vested in me by Laws, I the said Forester Robinson Chief Justice as aforesaid do hereby invest you the said John C. Thomas with full power to collect receive and receive, and to take into your possession all of the Lands and and Tenements, Goods & Chattels, Monies, rights & credits of the said Samuel P. Thomas and John

C Thomas Jr, hereby inviting you the said John C Thomas with all the powers by law given to Guardians of Minors, and enjoining upon you the performance of all the duties by law devolving upon such Guardians, under the penalties and liabilities by law annexed thereto.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the the Clerk of this County Court to attest the same with the Seal of said Court. Zoraster Robinson
Chief Justice Leon Co.

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In testimony of the above I John H Potts Clerk of the County Court of Leon County have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Seal of office at Centreville this 23th day of March A D 1853. John H. Potts.
Clerk Co Ct Leon Co.

Recorded 19th May 1853

C M Leod
To
R W Little
} Deed

Filed 14th April 1853.

The State of South Carolina
Marlborough District } Know all men by these presents, That I Cornelius McLeod, of the District and State aforesaid, for and in Consideration of Three hundred Dollars secured to be paid to me by R W Little of the District and State aforesaid, have bargained, sold released, and conveyed, and by these presents, do bargain, Sell, release and convey unto the said R W Little all that piece parcel or Lot of Land, which I purchased at two different times from Col William J Cook, the same lying and being in the Village of Bennetsville, and bounded on one end by the Public Road, leading from Bennetsville to Adamsville, on one side by the Lot of W D Johnson, on the other end by the lands of William J Cook and on the other side by the Lot of B D Townsend reserving Nevertheless, ninety feet Square of the said Lot for the use and purpose of a Grave Yard the same being marked round with Stakes, and having B D Townsends line for one side of the Square including all the Graves that are there at this time, and also a further reservation of a passway from the Public Road aforesaid, along the line of the said Townsend of Six feet in Width to the part reserved for the Grave Yard aforesaid, Together with all and Singular, the rights members and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise incident or appertaining, to have and to hold all and Singular the premises before mentioned, unto the said R W Little his heirs and assigns forever. And I do hereby bind myself, my heirs, my Executors and Administrators to warrant and forever defend, all and Singular the premises, except the parts reserved, unto the said R W Little, his Heirs and Assigns, against myself, and my heirs, And against all persons whomsoever Lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof. Witness my hand and Seal this the fourteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three and in the Seventy Seventh

year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Signed Sealed & delivered
in the presence of.
W D Johnson
J N McCall
C M Leod Seal

The State of South Carolina
Marlborough District } Personally appeared before me W D Johnson, and made oath that he was present, and saw the above named C M Leod, Sign, Seal, and deliver the above written Deed, to and for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and that John N McCall and this deponent, witnessed the execution thereof, and in the presence of each other subscribed their names in attestation of the same.

Sworn to before me this
twentieth day of May A D 1853
P M Coll PB
Clerk
Wm D Johnson

The State of South Carolina
Marlborough District } I P M Coll, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions & Ex officio Magistrate, do hereby certify unto all whom it may concern, That Sarah E D Leod the wife of the within named Cornelius M Leod, did this day appear before me, and upon being privately and separately examined by me, did declare, that she does freely, voluntarily, and without any compulsion, dread or fear of any person or persons whomsoever, renounce, release & forever relinquish unto the within named Robert W Little, his heirs and assigns all her interest and estate, and also all her right and claim of Dower, of in, and to all and Singular the premises within mentioned and released.

Given under my hand and Seal this
15th day of April Anno Domini 1853
P M Coll PB
Clerk & Ex Off. Magt
Sarah E D Leod

Recorded 21st May 1853

R W Little
To
C M Leod
} Mortgage

Filed 14th April 1853.

The State of South Carolina
Marlborough District } Know all men by these presents, that I Robert W Little of the District and State aforesaid, for and in Consideration of the sum of Three hundred Dollars to me, in hand paid by Cornelius M Leod of the District and State aforesaid, have granted, bargained, sold, released, and conveyed, and I do by these presents grant, bargain, Sell, release, and convey unto the said Cornelius M Leod, all that Lot or tract of Land lying and being in the village of Bennetsville, bounded by the Road leading to Adamsville, the Lot of W D Johnson, the lands of W J Cook and B D Townsend and also by a small Lot including the Grave Yard, & a right of way to the same, owned by the said

County Court March Term A D 1853

The State Of Texas } Be it Known and Remembered
County of Leon } by these presents that there was
Convened a Regular Term of the County Court pertaining
to the Estates of deceased persons in and for the
County and State aforesaid at the County House
thereof in the Town of Centreville on the last Monday
and 28th day of March A D 1853 : Present the Hon
Yoraster Robinson Chief Justice And John H Potts
Clerk of the County Court and William B Middleton
Sheriff of Leon County. By his deputy Basil Sharp :
The Court being Regularly Opened the following proce-
dings were had.

No. 111

John C Thomas Guardian } In this case John C Thomas
Of the Estates of the minors } having filed his petition
Samuel P Thomas and } praying for Letters of
John C Thomas Jr } Guardianship of the Estates
Of the minors Samuel P Thomas and John C Thomas
Jr and the same having been read in Open Court
And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court
that the legal notice has been given requiring all
persons interested to appear and contest the same
and there appearing no objection - It is ordered by
the Court that the said petition be received filed
and recorded on the minutes of the Court And is in
words and figures as follows to wit.

State of Texas } To the Hon Yoraster Robinson Chief
County of Leon } Justice Leon County March Term A D 1853

Your Petitioner John C Thomas Senr a Resident Citizen of
said County represents that his two minors sons Samuel
P & John C Thomas Junr have seperate property by
gift & descent left them by their Ancestors which
property to be reduced to the possession of said Minors
requires a Guardian to be duly appointed in the terms
of the Law - The premises Considered your petitioner prays
that he may be appointed Guardian of the property of said
minors And that notices of this application may be made
in the terms of the Law And as in duty your petitioner
will ever pray - John C Thomas Senr

Let the petition be received And it is Ordered by the Court

County Court March Term A D 1853.

that Letters of Guardianship be granted to the petitioner in
the terms of the Law : Yoraster Robinson Chief Justice

Leon Co

The State of Texas } County Court March Term A D 1853
County of Leon } Whereas John C Thomas has filed his
petition in my Office praying for Letters of Guardians
hips of the property of the minors Samuel P Thomas
and John C Thomas Junr These are therefore to notify
all persons interested in said Guardianship to be
and appear at the next Regular term of the County
Court to be holden in and for the County and State
aforesaid at the Court House thereof in the Town
of Centreville on the last Monday and 28th day
of March A D 1853 : and show cause if any they
can why said Letters should not be Granted
Given under my hand and the seal of the
County Court at Centreville on this 17th day
of March A D 1853 - John H Potts Clk
C Ct Leon Co

Whereas John C Thomas Jr having entered into bond
as Guardian of said Minors in the sum of Fifteen
Hundred Dollars and the same having been appr
oved It is therefore Ordered that the said Bond
be received filed and recorded on the minutes
of the Court :

The State of Texas } Know all men by these
County of Leon } presents that We John
C Thomas Senr as principal and William
M Thomas and Henry B Thomas as Securities are
held and firmly bound unto the Chief Justice of
the County of Leon in the sum of Fifteen Hundred
Dollars for the payment of which well and truly to
be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and
administrators jointly and severally firmly by these
presents signed and sealed with our seals being
Scrawls this the Twenty Eighth day of March A D 1853
The Condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas
the above bounden John C Thomas Senr has been appointed
by the Chief Justice of the County of Leon Guardian
of the Estates of the minors Samuel P Thomas and John