The People of the State of New York to Watson Tiffany, William Manwaring and Calvin Goodwin, Send greeting:

Whereas Eliza Hamilton, widow of Elisha Hamilton late of the Town of Ellington in the county of Chenango, deceased, lately presented her petition to Joseph Torrey Surrogate of said county of Chenango, praying for an order, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, that a commissioner of her dower be made of the lands of the said Elisha Hamilton, deceased, which are situate in the said county and are Twenty Seven acres and one fourth of an acre being part of lot number forty one in Tarmenshire according to Simeon Fowler's Patent, more fully set forth and described in a deed from George Marsh to the said Elisha Hamilton on the eighth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven and recorded in the Clerk's office of the county of Chenango on the third day of December 1828, in Book G. of Chenango on the third day of December 1828, in Book G. of Deeds page 515, also all that part of lot 48 of said Town of Tarmenshire which is set forth in a deed from Nathan Hamilton & others to his wife on the 17th day of June 1830 and recorded in the Clerk's office of the county of Chenango on the 29th day of June 1830, in Book F. of Deeds pages 574, containing thirty acres & twenty four one hundred & one acre, also all that part of said lot number forty one in said Tarmenshire according to Silas Pettit's Patent described being more fully set forth in a deed of Pettit & others to his wife, and the Twenty first day of June 1847 and recorded in the Clerk's office of the said county of Chenango on the third day of December 1848 in Book G. of Deeds pages 576 & 577, containing about eighty one acres of lot or piece of land, a part of which has heretofore been sold & conveyed by Nathan Hamilton, the said premises of said dower described by Eliza Hamilton & the said Eliza Hamilton and children the said Eliza Hamilton has since died & intestate on the 29th day of April 1849 as appeared on a trial before the said Surrogate held on the said county and upon satisfactory proof of longest service of a widow of the said petitioner, and whereas the said Eliza Hamilton died leaving Nathan Hamilton, James B. Hamilton, William Hamilton, Harriet Tiffany, Martha Manwaring, William Hamilton & Elisha A. Hamilton, children of the said Eliza Hamilton deceased and present owners of the lands in said petition described and present owners of the lands in said petition described, and whereas it appeared also that the said Eliza Hamilton was lawfully married to the said Elisha Hamilton and that the said Elisha Hamilton was during said marriage seized of an estate of inheritance in the said lands, and that the said Elisha Hamilton departed this life on the seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight

hundred & forty three, being seized at the time of his death of the said lands, and that the said lands are situate in the said county of Chenango, which said proofs were taken in the presence of the said Eliza Hamilton, James B. Hamilton & others son of the present owners of the said lands.

Upon hearing the Surrogate aforesaid of the having heard the proofs and allegations of the said petitioner made in the premises and thereupon made an order that a commissioner of the dower of the said Eliza Hamilton, be made of the lands of the said Elisha Hamilton, her late husband, deceased, set forth in her said petition and herein described, being the one third part thereof and that Calvin Tiffany, William Manwaring and Calvin Goodwin, three disinterested freeholders, be appointed commissioners for the purpose of making said admeasurement.

Whereas the Surrogate aforesaid in pursuance of the power vested in him under the Revised Statutes of the State of New York, by their order made and provided do hereby appoint you the said Calvin Tiffany, William Manwaring and Calvin Goodwin, commissioners to admeasure and lay out as speedily as possible, and assign the one third part of the lands therein mentioned and described to the said Eliza Hamilton, for her dower therein and in making such admeasurement you are to take in view any permanent improvements made upon the said lands and premises by the said James B. Hamilton or any other person who may have the right with the said Eliza Hamilton, and if practicable exclude such improvements within that part not allotted to the said Eliza Hamilton, and if not practicable so to exclude the same as to render a deduction from said lands and premises allotted to her proportionate to the benefit she will derive from such part of the said improvements as shall be included in the portion assigned to her, hereby requiring you to make and report of your proceedings with the quantity, courses and distances of the said lands & premises allotted to the said Eliza Hamilton with a description of the parts, stones, and other permanent improvements thereon, and the value of your services & any expense incurred under your hand and seal of office, at the Town of Ellington in the said county of Chenango this Twenty Fourth day of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

Joseph Torrey Surrogate

To Calvin Tiffany, William Manwaring, & Calvin Goodwin

Gentlemen Commissioners

Gentlemen: Hereby I request you to faithfully discharge the duty, and execute the trust reposed in you by the within appointment.

Delivered June 24th day of June 1839 to Calvin Tiffany

Examined & H. Whitney

Calvin Tiffany
William Manwaring
Calvin Goodwin