Otsego County ss. Be it remembered that on the 23d day of August 1823 at Otsego [illegible] in said County, letters of administration of which the annexed copy is found to George Fisher Esquire, who thereupon [illegible] before me that the said deceased died without leaving [illegible] to the best of his knowledge or believing, that he will to the best of his ability well and truly administer the goods chattels and credits which were of the said deceased at the time of his death by paying the debts of the deceased so far as the same extends or the law directs and the law requires and also to make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the said goods chattels and credits which were of the said deceased at the time of his death and to exhibit the same into the office of the Surrogate of the County of Otsego before the expiration of six calendar months and to the best of his ability render a just and true account of his administration when thereunto lawfully required and to do all other things which the law requires to be done and performed by the Executor or Executrix thereunto lawfully appointed and he the said deceased made and left a will & testament and he the Executor or Executrix therein named or any person or persons claiming a legacy therein or any person or persons legally interested therein or their guardian shall be duly notified of the granting of administration at the office aforesaid which the same are found [illegible]

C. Hayden Surrogate

[Letters of Administration.]

The People of the State of New York, by the Grace of God Free and Independent: To Sarah Blount & Mary his wife of the town of Cooperstown in Otsego county, send GREETING:

WHEREAS Lewis Sampson late of Maryland in said County

as is alleged, lately died intestate, having whilst living, and at the time of his death, goods, chattels, or credits within this state, by means whereof the ordering and granting administration of all and singular the said goods, chattels and credits; and also the auditing, allowing, and finally discharging the account thereof, doth appertain unto us; and we, being desirous that the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased may be well and faithfully administered, applied and disposed of, do grant unto you the said Sarah Blount and Mary Blount full

power by these presents, to administer and faithfully dispose of all and singular the said goods, chattels and credits, to ask, demand, recover and receive the debts, which unto the said deceased, whilst living, and at the time of his death did belong, and to pay the debts which the said deceased did owe, so far as said goods, chattels and credits will thereto extend, and the law require; Hereby requiring you to make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to your hands, possession or knowledge, and the same so made, to exhibit, or cause to be exhibited into the office of the Surrogate of the said county of Otsego at or before the expiration of six calendar months from the date hereof; and also to render a just and true account of administration when thereunto required; And we do by these Presents, depute, constitute and appoint you the said Sarah Blount and Mary Blount

Administrator or Administratrix of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits which were of the said Lewis Sampson at the time of his death.

In testimony whereof, we have caused the Seal of Office of our said Surrogate to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS Chester Hayden Esquire, Surrogate of the said county, at Cooperstown in said county the Seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three and of our Independence the forty Eighth

C. Hayden