Orange County S.s. Be it remembered that on this Seventeenth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred before me Charles Mayden Surrogate of said County came Richard Hall named in the foregoing letters of administration and being by me duly sworn took the usual oath of an administrator, pursuant to the said letters of administration. And that thereupon I the said Surrogate did deliver to the said Richard the Will letters of the foregoing & annexed & copy — C. Mayden Surrogate

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The Profits of the estate of the testator by the Executors first and subsequent to Catherine Sorbet of Hillsborough in the County of Orange Farming Catherine Hannah Sorbet late of Hillsborough aforesaid lately dwelling at Hillsborough aforesaid having which dying and at the time of his death possessed of goods chattels and credits within this state, by means whereof the administration of all and singular the said goods chattels and credits appertained to the said Catherine Hannah Sorbet the said Executrix and she the said Catherine having taken upon herself the said trust and having exhibited a true inventory of the effects and credits and having the amount thereof duly appraised and having taken the oath prescribed by the laws of this state for the faithful discharge of her trust as such Executrix and having made application to the Court of Ordinary of said County of Orange praying that administration of the said goods chattels and credits may be committed to her the said Catherine Hannah Sorbet as Executrix and appearing probable that the said Hannah Sorbet in the lifetime of said testator made and executed her last will and testament and thereby appointed the said Catherine Executrix thereof and that the proof of the due execution of which said last will and testament cannot at this time be obtained. And whereas the application of the said Catherine for general administration of the said goods chattels and credits for the purpose aforesaid mentioned and set forth upon our said Surrogate Court appearing to be proper and necessary for the benefit and preservation of the said estate that administration of the said goods chattels and credits should be in the mean time committed and until such Probate shall be made on the said petition, be granted to some fit and discreet person. Therefore we do grant unto you the said Catherine Sorbet full power by these presents for and during the term of four Calendar months from the day of the date hereof to ask demand and receive the debts, and to collect and secure and take care of the goods and chattels belonging to the estate of the said deceased, and to dispose of and apply the same or any part thereof, as shall and may be necessary during the continuance of this power in the payment of debts which the said deceased did owe; and during the time aforesaid to let out on lease together or in parcels as you may think proper, but for a term not exceeding one year from the first day of May next all or any part of the chattels real, belonging to the estate of the said deceased. Hereby enjoining you to refrain from selling or otherwise disposing of any part of the said goods chattels or credits except in the manner and for the purposes aforesaid. And you are hereby required to render a just and true account of your administration in the premises before any Court having cognizance thereof whenever you shall be thereunto lawfully required —

In testimony whereof we have caused the seal of office of our said Surrogate to be hereunto affixed.

Witness Charles Mayden Esquire Surrogate of our said County of Orange in said County this fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and twenty eight