The State of Maryland,

TO John F. Dent

GREETING:

WHEREAS, Pue Shanks late of St. Mary's County,

has died intestate, as it is said,

WE DO THEREFORE, give and grant unto you the said John F. Dent

full power and authority to administer all and singular the goods, chattels, and credits of the said deceased, and to demand, collect, and levy, and in legal manner require and receive, all and all manner of debt and debts, due and owing to the said deceased, and well and faithfully to dispose of the same—and, out of the goods, chattels, and credits of the said deceased, which have, may or shall come to your hands or possession, well and truly to pay the debts due by the said deceased, so far forth as the same will extend; and the law will charge you, according to the true value of the sum thereof, you having first taken your oath, well and truly to administer the same, according to law—and, 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, may or shall come to your hands, possession or knowledge, appraised in money—and a true and just account of and upon your administration therein—and to exhibit both unto our said office for registering of wills, for the county of St. Mary's aforesaid—touching which inventory you are presently assigned to perform, or at furthest, at or before the 20 day of March now next ensuing, and an account within twelve months from the date of these presents—and, lastly, we do hereby appoint and constitute you the said John F. Dent administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits, of the said deceased.

GIVEN at Leonard Town, this 20 day of March in the year of our Lord, 1855

G. Combs Register of Wills, St. Mary's County.

The Administrator will remember to return an inventory within THREE *months from the date of the Administration, and an account of his Administration, at the expiration of* TWELVE *months from the time of administering, and a further account every* SIX *months thereafter, until the estate shall be fully administered. It would be better for the Administrator to pay no account till it has first passed the Court or Register.*