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To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come

We George Gibbs surviving Executor of the last will and testament of his father George Gibbs late of Newport in the State of Rhode Island deceased and a devisee and legatee under the said will and also one of the heirs at law of his late sisters Mary Gibbs Moore deceased Helen Elizabeth Gibbs Bradish deceased and Susanna Gibbs deceased; William Channing Gibbs a devisee and legatee in the said will named and also one of the heirs at law of the said Mary Helen Elizabeth and Susanna; William Ellery Channing and Ruth Gibbs Channing his wife which Ruth is a devisee and legatee in the said will named and also one of the heirs at law of the said Mary, Helen Elizabeth and Susanna Sarah Gibbs a devisee and legatee in the said will named and also one of the heirs at law of the said Mary, Helen Elizabeth and Susanna; Luther Bradish late the husband of the said Helen Elizabeth Gibbs Bradish now deceased and sole devisee legatee and appointee under the last will and testament of the said Helen Elizabeth Nathaniel Bowditch Administrator of all and singular the goods chattels and credits which were of Walter Channing deceased at the time of his death which Walter Channing died intestate; and Ebenezer Francis Administrator with the will annexed of Mary Gibbs late of Boston deceased and trustee of her estate

Send Greeting Whereas We are desirous that the Estates of the several persons deceased above named so far as we or any of us are interested therein should be settled And Whereas to that end it is necessary that all questions relating to the last will and testament of the said George Gibbs deceased or to the last will and testament of the said Helen Elizabeth Gibbs Bradish deceased or to the estate real and personal of each of them should be decided and settled as far forth as circumstances will permit — **Now Know Ye** that we do hereby authorise and empower The Honorable Isaac Parker Chief Justice of the State of Massachusetts on or before the first day of July next by an instrument under his hand and seal to nominate and appoint three disinterested persons to be arbitrators and referees for the purposes and with the powers hereinafter mentioned And we do hereby submit ourselves to the award order arbitrament and determination of such Arbitrators and Referees or of any two of them of and concerning all actions and causes of action suits contracts accounts reckonings moneys debts claims and demands whatsoever in law or equity of concerning or relating to the estate real and personal of the said George Gibbs deceased and the estate real and personal of the said Helen Elizabeth Gibbs Bradish deceased or of or concerning the last will and testament of each of them And we do hereby authorise and empower the said Referees or any two of them to order and direct payments to be made bonds to be sold conveyed