

*Administration & Bond
of Elizabeth Smith
of Fovant
Granted 6th July 1839*



William by Divine Providence Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England, and Metropolitan, To our well-beloved in Christ **James Samuel Smith one of the natural and lawful children of Elizabeth Smith formerly of Baverstock but late of Fovant in the County of Wilts Widow deceased Greeting: Whereas the said Elizabeth Smith** Intestate; having whilst living, and at the time of her Death, Goods, Chattels, or Credits, in divers Dioceses or Jurisdictions; by reason whereof the sole ordering and granting Administration of all and singular the said Goods, Chattels, and Credits, and also the auditing, allowing, and final discharging the Accompt thereof, are well known to appertain only and wholly to us, and not to any inferior Judge: WE being desirous that the said Goods, Chattels, and Credits, may be well and faithfully administered, applied, and disposed of according to the Law, DO therefore by these Presents grant full Power and Authority to you, in whole Fidelity we confide, recover, and receive whatever Debts and Credits, which, whilst living, and at the Time of **her** Death, did owe, so far as such Goods, Chattels, and Credits will thereto extend, and the Law requires: You having been already sworn **by Commissioners** well and faithfully to administer the same, and to make a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the said Goods, Chattels, and Credits, and to exhibit the same into the Registry of our Prerogative Court of Canterbury, on or before the last Day of **January** next ensuing: and also to render a just and true Account thereof on or before the last Day of **July** which shall be in the Year of our Lord One **Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty**. And We do by these Presents ordain, depute, and constitute you **Administrator** of all and singular Goods, Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased.

Given at London the sixth Day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine and in the eleventh year of our Translation.

A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be 'Wm. Goring'. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly aged paper.

Attestation Clause

Sworn under Two thousand Pounds and that the Intestate died 24th March 1839