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to me 26
Washington
Aug 22
1859

William Cooke
Power of Atty.
To

Know all men by these presents that
I, William Cooke formerly resident in
Baltimore in Maryland but now of
California, have constituted and made
and made ^{and} in my stead and place put,

and by these presents do constitute, ordain and make and in my
stead and place put, Benjamin Williams of said
Baltimore to be my true sufficient and lawful attorney
for me and in my name and stead to sell and convey any and
all real estate belonging to me in the State of Maryland
and Pennsylvania and to make due and lawful conveyance
of the same and to receive payment therefor, either in
Cash or upon a credit as he may deem most for my interest,
and to take any mortgage or mortgages as securities
therefor, and also to do all things concerning my personal property
belonging to me or to which I may be entitled as one of the
heirs or as devisee or legatee or otherwise of my late mother
Eleanor A. Cooke late of Howard County in said
Maryland or in any personal or other property in
which she may have had a life estate or which was
held in trust for her during her life or otherwise which
I might lawfully do if present to act in the premises
giving and hereby granting unto my said Attorney
full power and Authority in and about the premises,
and to use all due means course and process in the
law for the full effectual and complete execution
of the business above described and in my name
to make and execute due acquittance and discharge;
and for the premises to appear and the person of me
the Constituent to represent before any Governor Judges
Justices officers and Ministers of the law whatsoever
in any Court or Courts of Judicature and thereon my
behalf to answer defend and reply unto all actions
causes matters and things whatsoever relating to the premises.
Also to submit any matter in dispute respecting the
premises to arbitration or otherwise with full power to
make and substitute for the purposes aforesaid one or
more Attornies under him my said Attorney, and the
same again at pleasure to revoke and generally to say
do act transact determine, accomplish, and finish all
matters and things whatsoever, relating to the premises,
as fully amply, ~~comply~~ and effectually, to all intents
and purposes as I the said Constituent ^{you sent} ought or might
personally, although the matter should require more special
authority than is herein comprised. I the said