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The State of Arkansas,

To all to whom these presents shall come — Greeting:
 Know Ye, That, I, Elias N. Conway, Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby appoint Roswell Beebe, who is the President of the Cairo and Fulton Railroad Company, one of the Agents of the State of Arkansas to select in accordance with law such lands as were granted to this state by the act of Congress of the 9th February 1853, to aid in the construction of that part of the Cairo and Fulton Railroad in this state extending from the northern boundary of Arkansas to the Texas boundary near Fulton in Arkansas provided that such lands shall be selected as ^{prescribed} provided by said act of Congress within fifteen miles of the line or route for said road as definitely fixed by section four of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas entitled, "An act to aid in the construction of the Cairo and Fulton railroad," approved 16th January 1855, of which line or route of said road a map, duly authenticated, is on file in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas, and a copy of which map was, on the 30th day of July 1855, authenticated under the seal of the State of Arkansas by the Governor and transmitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the United States of America. Provided that said Roswell Beebe shall only claim compensation for his services and expenses, as such Agent, from the Cairo and Fulton Railroad Company and the State of Arkansas shall not be subject to be charged by him with any such expenses, as may attend the selection and definite reservation of any of said lands. And provided further that if the said Roswell Beebe should not select such

lands in accordance with law in the manner herein before indicated, within such time as in the discretion of the Governor of the State of Arkansas, may be deemed reasonable, he hereby reserves to himself the right to appoint, in lieu of the said Roswell Beebe, any other Agent so that said granted lands may be speedily selected and the public lands which shall remain belonging to the United States and which have been so long withheld from sale may be restored to market as early as practicable.

In testimony whereof I have herewith set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed at Little Rock Arkansas this 4th day of August A. D. 1853.
Elias N. Conway.

By the Governor.

Secretary of State.