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The Continental Insurance Company
80 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038


GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men by these Presents, That THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY has made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents does make, constitute and appoint

George T. Bentley or Sue Walton, both of Columbiana, Alabama, EACH

its true and lawful attorney, for it and in its name, place, and stead to execute on behalf of the said Company, as surety, bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship to be given to

all obligees


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provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed in amount the sum of

Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$750,000) Dollars.

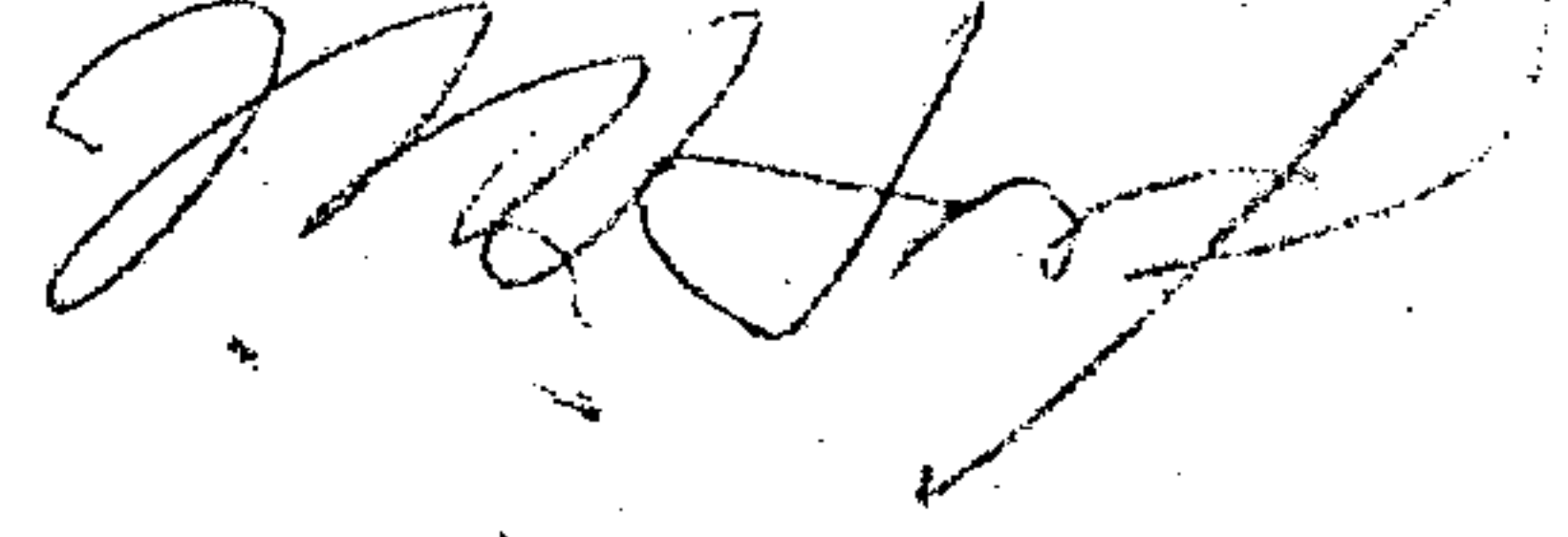
This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company on the 1st day of November, 1977.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board, the Vice Chairman of the Board, the President, an Executive Vice President or a Senior Vice President or a Vice President of the Company, be, and that each or any of them hereby is, authorized to execute Powers of Attorney qualifying the attorney named in the given Power of Attorney to execute in behalf of the Company, bonds, undertakings and all contracts of suretyship; and that an Assistant Vice President, a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary be, and that each or any of them hereby is, authorized to attest the execution of any such Power of Attorney, and to attach thereto the seal of the Company."

In Witness Whereof, THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY has caused its official seal to be hereunto affixed, and these presents to be signed by one of its Vice Presidents and attested by one of its Assistant Vice Presidents this 3rd day of January, 1979.

Attest:

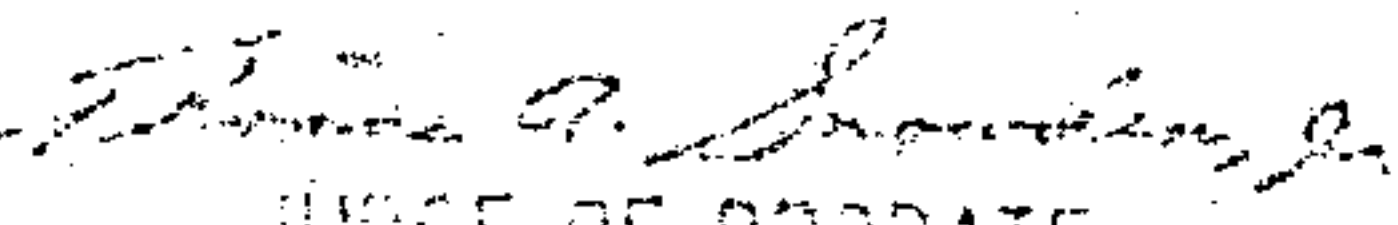
THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY

By 

M.L. Ford, Vice-President

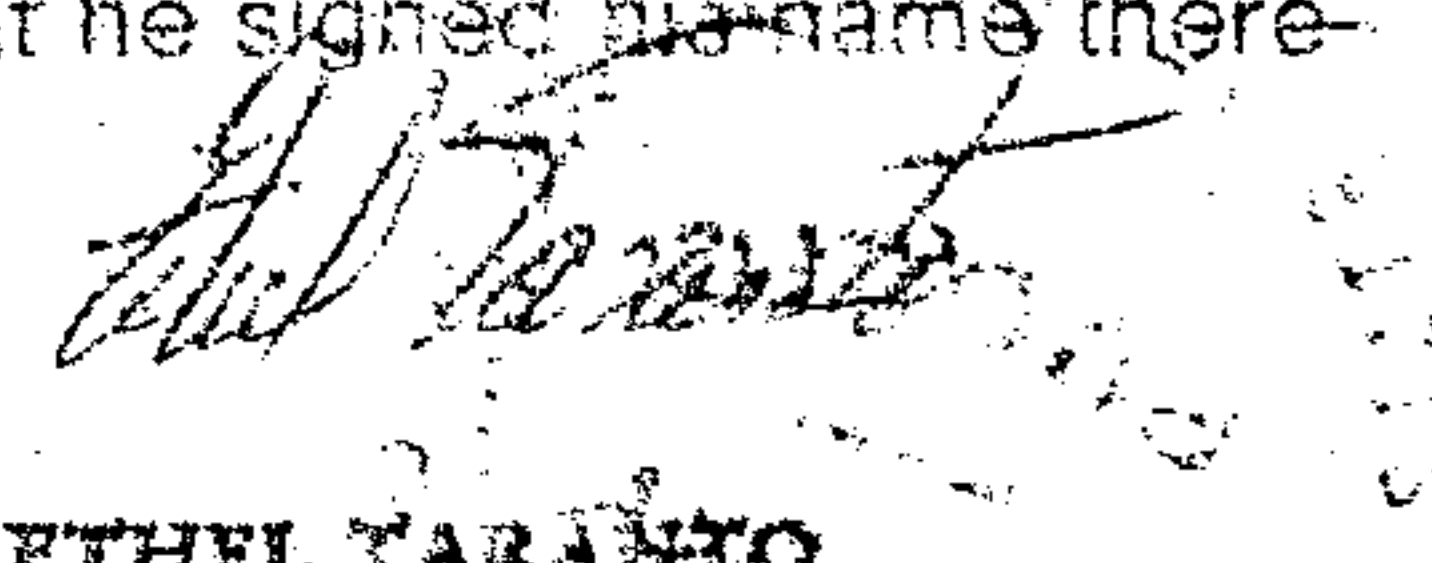

T.H. Stephens, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.
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JUDGE OF PROBATE

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF NEW YORK } ss.:

On this 3rd day of January, 1979, before me personally came M.L. Ford, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides in Summit, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, at 768 Springfield Avenue; that he is a Vice President of THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY, the corporation described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

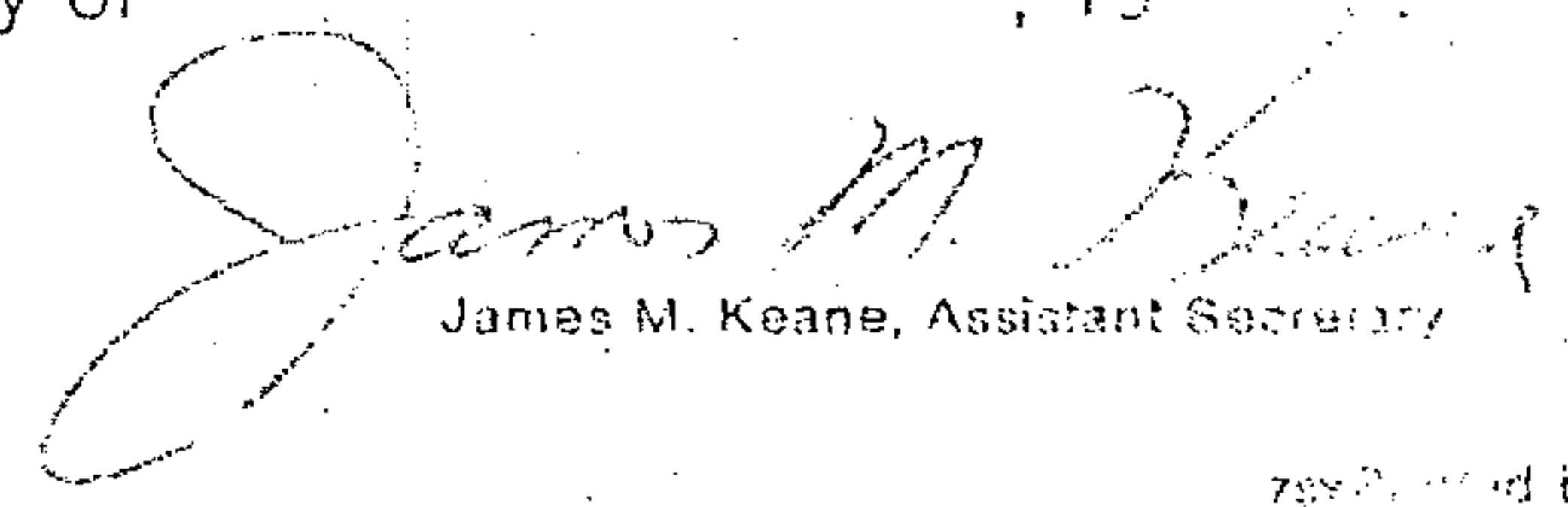


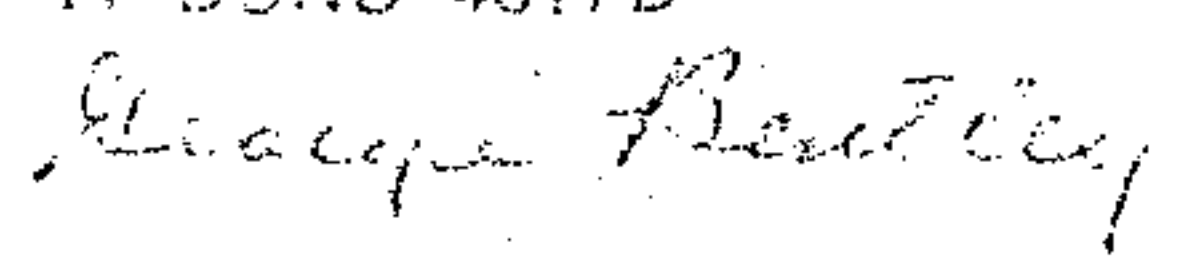
ETHEL TARANTO
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 24-456117
Qualified in Kings County
Commission Expires Mar. 30, 1982

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, an Assistant Secretary of THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY, a New Hampshire corporation, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore that the Resolution of the Board of Directors, set forth in the said Power of Attorney, is now in force.

Signed and sealed at the City of New York. Dated the _____ day of _____, 19____


James M. Keane, Assistant Secretary

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