seized or possessed, or in which I might have any interest, to any person or persons, for any price, or in any manner whatsoever, and for these purposes to execute and acknowledge any deed or deeds, lease or leases, or other assurance or assurances, with general covenants of warranty against all persons, or any other covenants whatsoever as he may deem expedient; to purchase any real estate on my account in fee simple, or otherwise, at any price or any exchange whatsoever and for these purposes to receive, confirm, make and execute any contracts, deeds, conveyances, notes, mortgages or other instruments whatsoever; to compound for any debts, dues or other demands owing, or which may be hereafter owing to me and to take less than the whole or otherwise to agree for the same, in such manner and on such terms as he, in his discretion, may deem proper; and for all or any of the foregoing purposes, to make and execute any releases, compromises, compositions, agreements of contracts, by deed or otherwise, in his opinion necessary and expedient in the premises, and generally to do and perform all matters and things, transact all business, make, execute and acknowledge all contracts, orders, deeds, mortgages, notes, satisfactions of mortgages, leases and assignments of the same, and all other writings which may be requisite or proper to effectuate any or all of the foregoing matters or any other matter with the same validity and to all intents and purposes as I could if personally