part to answer the said Bill of Complaint but for as much as the said William C Buffington & Alexander L Buffington are infants under age and cannot answer the said Bill of Complaint nor defend this suit without having a guardian assigned in that behalf I now do therefore that I have given unto you full power and authority in pursuance of the special order in said Court to assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants and to take the answer of the said infants by such guardian to the said Bill of Complaint and therefore I command you that at such certain day and place as you shall think fit you go to the said defendants if they cannot conveniently come to you and assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants and take the answers of the said infants by such guardian to the said Bill of Complaint on such guardians corporal oath upon the Holy Evangels to be administered by you the said answers being distinctly and plainly wrote and when you shall have so taken the said answers you are to send the same closed up under your seal together with your certificate of your having assigned and appointed such guardians as afore said and this sent unto me in said Court Witness the Honorable Madison Nelson Judge of said Court the 6th day of July Anno Domini 1857. Dated the 3rd day of September 1857 Test

Edwd Shriver Clerk

To the Hon Madison Nelson Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity.
The subscriber being the Commissioner named in the annexed Commission hereby that in execution of the powers thereby vested in me I did on the 3rd day of September in the year 1857 assign and appoint Casper Mantz of Frederick County guardian to the infants mentioned in the said Commission and took the answers of the said infants by their said guardian and under the oath of said guardian by me administered to the Bill of Complaint in the said Commission mentioned which said answers with said Commission herewith returned closed under my hand and seal this 3rd day of September 1857

Wm G Cole (Seal)

The answers of William C Buffington and Alexander L Buffington by Casper Mantz their Guardian to the Bill of Complaint of Thomas C Buffington and others against them in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity exhibited. These defendants cannot admit any of the matters and things alleged in the said Bill of Complaint and being infants of tender years submit their rights to the protection of this Court

Casper Mantz Guardian