To the Honorable Theodorick Bland Chancellor of Maryland.

The answer of John H. Chew of Calvert County, admr. of Thomas Reynolds to the Bill of complaint of James Williamson of the City of Annapolis & John Williamson of the State of Kentucky heretofore filed & now depending in this Honorable Court. This Defendant saving to himself all manner of exceptions to the several matters set forth in the said Bill for answer thereto nevertheless or to such part thereof as he is advised it is material for him to answer unto, he answereth & saith that he hath no knowledge of the amount for which Thomas & Joseph Reynolds gave their joint notes to George Dayton & admits that sundry negroes & other personal property was conveyed to Thomas & Joseph Reynolds as security for the payment of certain debts of Robert H. Smith & that since the death of Thomas Reynolds the said negroes & other property have been sold by Joseph W. Reynolds, that the whole property sold amounted to the sum of thirteen hundred & twenty four dollars & fifty cents & that the said Joseph W. Reynold & this respondent have paid of the debts of said Robert H. Smith for which the said Joseph W. Reynolds & Thomas Reynolds were joint security the sum of thirteen hundred & ~~twenty seven~~ fifty seven dollars & eighty six ~~dollars~~ cents & that there is yet due on said joint security debts about four hundred dollars & that this respondent has paid since the death of Thomas Reynolds other debts of said Robert H. Smith for which Thomas Reynolds was sole security a further sum of seven hundred and sixty five dollars & eleven cents. This

defendant submits to the discretion of your Honor this answer and prays that in any decision which may be passed his interest as admr of Thomas Reynolds may be regarded

John H Chew

Calvert County ss

On this 19th day of March 1827 before the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County came John H Chew & made oath that the several matters set forth in the above answer or paper are true to the best of his knowledge

Walter Dorsey

Answer of John H Chew.

Filed 26 March 1827