there gave and delivered the said negro girl into the possession of your respondent: The other two negro girls Maria and Emmeline were at that time at a quarter on the plantation of the late Mrs Mary Beall where they then lived and with whom the said Deborah Waring had resided for many years before her death and where she lived at the time of her death. And the said Deborah Waring at the time of said gift requested the said Mary Beall to deliver the said negro girls Maria & Emmeline to your respondent which the said Mary Beall then and there undertook and promised to do, and the said Mary Beall in compliance with said request and undertaking a few days thereafter, and after the death of the said Deborah Waring delivered into the possession of your respondent said negro girls Maria and Emmeline, and your respondent immediately took the whole of said negroes to Baltimore with her where she resides: And she has been in the uninterrupted possession thereof ever since: That the said bond or chose in action mentioned in said petition was at the same time given by the said Deborah Waring to your respondent and was bona fide delivered by the said Deborah Waring into the hands and possession of your respondent who is now in possession thereof & claims the amount of the same in virtue of said gift and delivery:

Your respondent therefore denies that any part of said property belonged to the said Deborah Waring at the time of her death (and now rightfully belongs to the said petitioner as her administrator) as is stated in said petitioner; but your respondent claims the whole of said property and chose in action in her own right as a donatio mortis causâ made by the said Deborah Waring to your respondent in her last sickness, and in contemplation of her death which took place a few days after said gift.-

For further answer your respondent denies that there are various persons in Prince George's County who are bona fide creditors of the said Deborah Waring: on the contrary your respondent states that she believes that the said Deborah Waring owed very little if any debts at the time of her death, and the payment of those which she owed, if any, at her death were amply provided for. Your respondent therefore prays to be hence dismissed with her reasonable costs &c.-

Saml H Berry For Respondent

State of Maryland, Prince George's County, to Wit:
On this 18th day of November 1856 before me, the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the said State in and for said

County, personally appeared Rebecca Edmonds the above named respondent and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the matter and things stated in the above and aforegoing answer are true to the best of her Knowledge and belief.

Alexander H. Tyler J.P. (Seal)

The hearing of the questions put in issue by the foregoing petition and answer having been by the consent of the Counsel for the petitioner and respondent postponed until this day March 31st and coming on for trial the court passed the following order:

In the Orphans Court of Prince George's County.
March 31st 1857

On the Application of Thomas Waring Admor: of Deborah Waring it is this thirty first day of March 1857 ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Orphans Court of Prince George's County that the following issues be made up and transmitted to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County framed upon the petition of said Thomas Waring admor: as aforesaid and the answer of Rebecca Edmonds filed in this Court.

George W. Wilson } Justices Orphans' Court
Wm B Hill }

Issues for the circuit court for Prince George's County framed upon the petition of Thomas Waring as Admor: of Deborah Waring & the answer filed thereto by Rebecca Edmonds

1 Whether the said Rebecca Edmonds has concealed negroes Louisa, Maria & Emmeline, or either of them of the proper goods & chattels of said Thomas Waring as Admor: of said Deborah Waring?

2 Whether the said Rebecca Edmonds has concealed a certain sealed note executed by one Washington I Beall in favor of said Deborah Waring for the sum of one thousand Dollars or thereabouts of the goods & chattels of said Thomas Waring as Admor: of said Deborah Waring?

3 Whether the said Deborah Waring did give & deliver to the said Rebecca Edmonds the said negro girl named Louisa as a donatio mortis causâ?

4 Whether the said Deborah Waring did give & deliver to the said Rebecca Edmonds the said negro girls Maria & Emmeline as a donatio mortis causâ?

5 Whether the said Deborah Waring did give & deliver to the said Rebecca Edmonds the said sealed note executed by Washington I Beall in favor of said Deborah Waring for one thousand dollars or thereabouts as a donatio mortis causâ?

Maryland, Prince George's County, Sct.
I William A Tarboe Register of Wills for said County in said