To the Honorable Theodorick Bland
Chancellor of Maryland —

The Bill of Complaint of William Shaw of Dorchester County administrator of all & singular the goods & chattels, rights & credits of Henry Page of said County — deceased humbly shows to your Honor that heretofore to wit on the twenty eighth day of May in the year Eighteen hundred & forty three one Aaron Cook late of said County being indebted to the said Henry Page in his lifetime in the sum of four hundred & ninety four dollars, & intending to secure the payment thereof unto the said Henry did by his bill of Sale, convey unto the said Henry his heirs & assigns, certain negro slaves, named Peter, Samuel, Daniel, Anna & Lotha, which are more particularly described in said bill of Sale, a copy of which is herewith exhibited marked "Exhibit A" & prayed to be taken as part of this Bill of Complaint — to which said bill of Sale there is a condition annexed, that it be void on payment of the aforesaid sum of money with interest.

And your Orator further charges that afterwards the said Henry departed this life, without any last will & testament & that the Orphans Court of said County, have since granted letters of administration upon the personal estate of the said Henry to your Orator. & your Orator further charges that afterwards the said Aaron departed this life, after having duly made & executed his last will & testament