

To the honorable the Judges of Allegany
County Court as a Court of Equity
The Petition of Catharine B Beckroth, William
& Beckroth Maria M. Beckroth & others
complainants Infants by their next
Friend & Father Aaron L Beckroth &
by Aaron L Beckroth administrator
of Elizabeth Bromley's estate humbly
represents that they exhibited an instrument
purporting to be a transfer of the
negroes therein mentioned and
recorded among the records of Allegany
County Maryland. Your Petitioners
further represent that said original
bill of sale or instrument of trans-
fer has been taken out of the
clerk's office by John Shaffer one
of said defendants Your Petition-
ers further represent that in said
original bill your Petitioners
exhibited said copy from the
records of said County as a bill
of sale. When in truth the same
had not been acknowledged
before a Justice of the Peace as
the law requires to authorize
a copy to be used as evidence
Your Petitioners do further charge