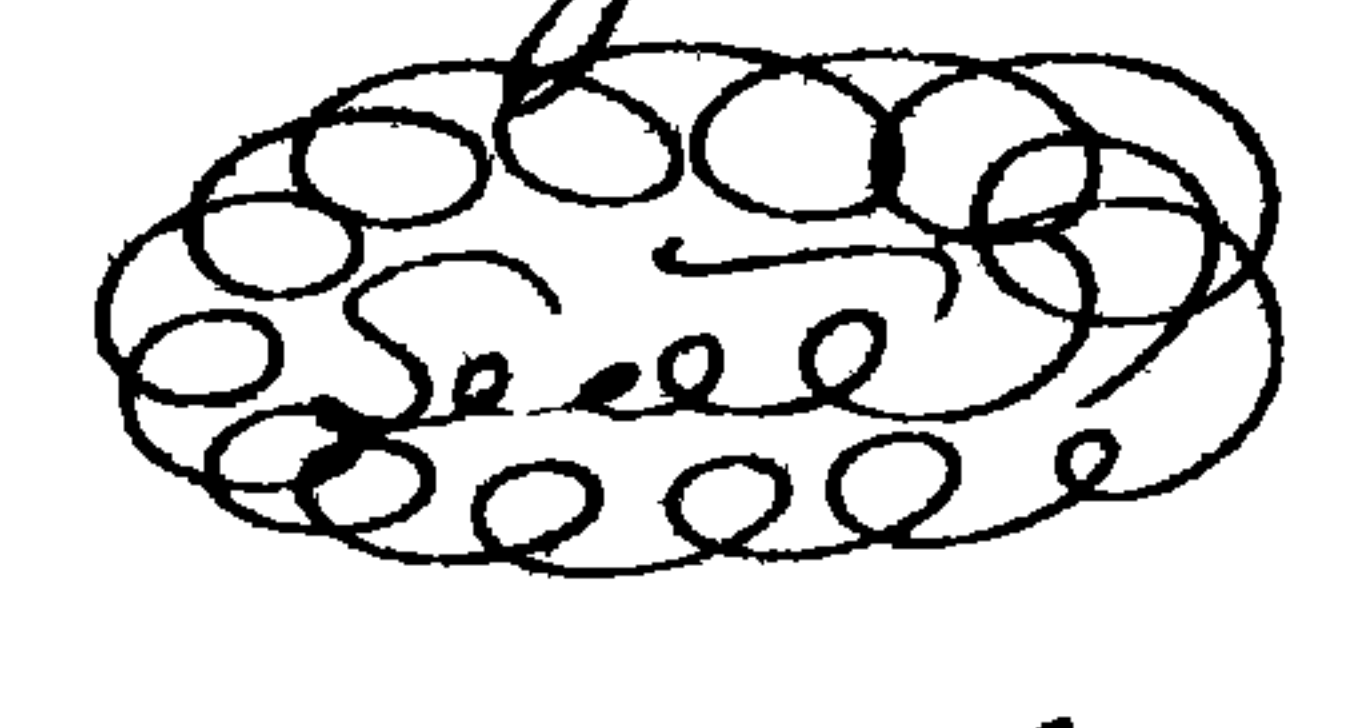


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The State of Maryland, to George A. Pearce of Allegany County; Greeting; Whereas Sarah Stinson William Stanton & Mary Ann his wife & others have lately exhibited their Bill of Complaint, before us, in our County Court, as a Court of Chancery, against El. Stinson & Ruth his wife John Roy Ridgely & others And whereas we have by our writ, lately commanded the said Defendants, to appear before us, in our said Court, as a Court of Chancery at a certain day now past to answer the said Bill. But for as much, as the said John Roy Ridgely one of the Defendants in said bill is an Infant under age and resides in Allegany County, and cannot answer the said Bill nor defend this suit, without having a guardian assigned in that behalf. We know therefore, that we have given unto you full power & authority, in pursuance of the special Order in our said Court to assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid Infants, and take the answer of said Infants by such guardian to the said bill, and therefore we 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 answer of said Infants by such guardian to said bill, on such guardian's corporal oath upon the Holy Evangelly, to be administered by you, the said answer being distinctly & 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 guardian as aforesaid, and this writ, unto us, in our said Court. Witness the Honour. Robert A. Martin, Esq. Chief Judge of said Court, the 7 day of July Anno Domini 1857



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To the Honour the Judges of Frederick County Court as a Court of Equity. The subscribers, being the commissioners named in annexed Commission hereby certify, that in execution of the powers thereby vested in me I did on the 9 day of July 1857 proceed to appoint, and did appoint & assign Henry C. G. Worthington of Allegany County guardian to said Infant, and took the answer of said Infants by his said guardian, and under oath of said guardian by me administered to the bill of Complaint in said Commission mentioned which said answer with said Commission is herewith returned closed under my hand & seal this 9 day of July 1857.

George A. Pearce

The answer of John Roy Ridgely, an Infant, under the age of twenty one years by Henry C. G. Worthington, his guardian to the Bill of Complaint of Sarah Stinson William Stanton & Mary Ann his wife and others, exhibited in Frederick County Court, as a Court of Equity This defendant cannot admit any of the matters and things, alleged in said bill and being an Infant,

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