

in the full and just sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars current money to be paid to the said State of Maryland or its certain attorney - to which payment well and truly to be made & done, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our & each of our heirs executors & administrators. Jointly and severally jointly by these presents, sealed with our seals, & dated this Ninth day of October, in the year 1857

Whereas by a Decree of Frederick County Court, sitting as a court of Equity, bearing date on the 8th day of October eight teen Hundred & Fifty one, and passed in a cause in the said Court wherein Eichelberger & Melon are complainants and Michel Smith, John Henry Smith, and others are Defendants the same being N^o 2576 Equity Docket of Frederick County Court the above bound William W Walker has been appointed Trustee to make sale of certain Real Estate, in the proceedings in said cause mentioned) - Now the conditions of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound William W Walker do & shall well and faithfully perform the same reposed in him by said Decree, or that may be reposed in him by any future order or Decree in the premises, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force & virtue in law.

Signed, sealed & deliv^d?
in presence of
John H Melon.

William W Walker
Henry Melon
Henry Clary

"Endorsed." Approved

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Petition
Eichelberger & Melon
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N. 2576. Equity - In Frederick County Court as of Equity - July Term 1857.
To the Hon^{ble} the Judges of Frederick County Court, sitting as a Court of Equity
The Petition of Michel Smith, widow of James Smith late of Frederick County do^{es} respectfully Represent to your Honors that the Complainants in this cause have filed their Petition, and obtained a Decree for the sale of the Real Estate of the said deceased, for the payment of his debts, that your Petitioner is his widow, and entitled to dower in his said Real Estate, as the said proceedings will show, that your Petitioner was made a party to said proceedings, as she had joined her late husband in a mortgage that has not as yet been satisfied, or paid. That in her answer she admitted the execution of said mortgage, but refused to have her dower right sold, and to take money in its stead. She is still unwilling to have her dower right in the Real Property sold, or to respond of the same. But she is anxious to have her said dower laid off for her separate use & control & prays that your Honors will pass an order appointing five discreet & sensible men as Commissioners, and direct the clerk to issue a commission to them, to lay off and appertain to her such portion of the said Real Estate, as she may be entitled to, as the widow of said deceased & as in duty lie
Wm. Sappington Sol.
For Pet^r -