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The State of Maryland To Cornelius Staley of Frederick County  
Greeting

Whereas Joshua Staley and wife and others have lately exhibited their Bill of Complaint before me in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity against John W. Buntaker, Mary J. Buntaker and others and whereas I have by my writ, lately commanded the said defendants to appear before me in said Court as a Court of Chancery, at a certain day now past, to answer the said Bill of Complaint but for as much as the said John W. Buntaker, Mary J. Buntaker, Isaac Buntaker, Calvin Buntaker, Samuel Buntaker, and Wilson J. Buntaker are infants under age, and cannot answer the said Bill of Complaint nor defend this suit without having a guardian assigned for that behalf. Know ye therefore that I have given unto you full power and authority in pursuance of the special order in said Court to assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants, and to take the answers of the said infants, by such guardian to the said Bill of Complaint and therefore I 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 answers of the said infants by such guardian to the said Bill of Complaint on such guardian's solemn oath upon the Holy Evangelists to be administered by you, the said answers being distinctly and 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 me in said Court. Witness the Honorable Madam Nelson Judge of said Court the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July Anno Domini 1852

Issued the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1852 Test Edward Shriver Clerk

Endorsed "The execution of the Commission within will appear by the return enclosed  
Cornelius Staley Comr. Seal"

Return of  
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To the Honorable Madam Nelson, Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity

The subscriber being the Commissioner named in the enclosed Commission hereby certifies that in execution of the powers vested in me, I did on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup>: 1852 proceed to the dwelling house of the John Buntaker in Frederick County, where John W. Buntaker, Mary J. Buntaker, Isaac Buntaker, Calvin Buntaker, Samuel Buntaker and Wilson J. Buntaker, the infants named in said Commission then were and caused the said infants to be brought before me and there in the presence of said infants assigned and appointed Mary Buntaker of Frederick County guardian to said infants and took the answers of said infants by their said guardian and under the oath of said guardian by me administered to the Bill of Complaint in said Commission mentioned, which said answers with said Commission is herewith returned closed under my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1852

Cornelius Staley Comr. Seal

The joint & several answers of John W. Buntaker, Mary J. Buntaker, Isaac Buntaker, Calvin Buntaker, Samuel Buntaker, and Wilson J. Buntaker to the Bill of Complaint of Joshua Staley and others against them exhibited. These defendants admit the matters and things set forth in said in said bill and submit their rights to your Hon. Court  
Witness Cornelius Staley  
Mary J. Buntaker Guardian.

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1852 before the subscriber Commissioner named, appeared Mary Buntaker and made oath that the above answer is true to the best of her knowledge and belief

Cornelius Staley Comr.

"Filed Sept 25, 1852"

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