Thereupon the following answers were filed
The answer of Elkanah Bateman, Surviving Partner of Lewis Rice to the Bill of Complaint of The President Directors, and Company of The Farmers Bank of Maryland filed in the Circuit Court, for Frederick County, Sitting in Equity against himself and others This respondent for answer to said bill answers and says That he admits to be true as therein charged That he and the said Lewis Rice, carried on the Mill's business, in Frederick County, as Partners, until the 14th day of October 1852, when said Partnership was dissolved by the death of the said Lewis Rice. This respondent admits that during the existence of said Partnership the Mill and land attached, which is fully described in the Exhibit filed as No 1 was purchased by said firm with Partnership funds, for the purpose of Conducting the Partnership business and that the Lot in Frederick Town described in Exhibit No 2 was purchased in the same way and for the same object, This respondent admits that said firm of Rice & Bateman were largely indebted to the Complainants and to other creditors - That said firm were indebted to the Complainants, upon a Judgment for three thousand Dollars and upon sundry notes and drafts to the amount of Two thousand Dollars, as charged in the Bill - This respondent admits That Michael Keefer & Joshua Dill hold mortgages upon the property belonging to the firm of Rice & Bateman - This respondent admits - That at the death of said Lewis Rice the assetts of the firm were insufficient or nearly so to the payment of the Partnership debts That it will require the whole of the personal, and the greater part, if not the whole of the Real Estate to pay the debts due by the Firm And this respondent admits That he has no means of his own wherewith to Conduct the business. That the property is so encumbered by liens, and the business so intricate it will be far more advantageous for all parties - that the Concern should be wound up, by a sale of the whole property, under an Order of Court This respondent admits - That Lewis Rice, at the time of his death, left a widow by the name of Rosannah S Rice, and the following Children Viz Sarah R married to this respondent, Charles I. Rice Martha W. Rice Benjamin F Rice & Lewis Rice, all of whom both widow & children, resede in Frederick County, and of the children, all are infants, under twenty one years of age except Sarah R wife of respondent This respondent, admitting the propriety of a sale of the Partnership property, under an Order of the Court, assents to the passage, of a Decree for that purpose - and this respondent avers that since the filing of the bill in this cause, the notes & drafts alleged to be due, the Bank by said Rice & Bateman, have been fully paid, and said Bank has no other claim against the Firm under these proceedings except the Judgment filed

Elkanah Bateman

I agree to accept the above answers without oath.

Wm. I. Ross Solr for Compts

The Joint and several answer of Joshua Dill, and Michael Keefer, to the Bill of Complaint filed in the Circuit Court, for Frederick County Sitting in Equity, against themselves & others by the President Directors & Company of The Farmers Bank of Maryland These respon-

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