I agree to accept above answer, without oath. Wm J Ross Solr
For Complt

Order for Comn

The President Directors & Company of The Farmers Bank of Maryland
vs
Elkanah Bateman Surviving Partner of Lewis Reed & others

No. 2457 Equity In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Sitting in Equity February Term 1853

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County Sitting in Equity

The Subpoena issued in this cause, against the Infant Defendants, Charles I Rice Martha M Rice, Benjamin F Rice & Lewis Rice, having been returned Summoned by the Sheriff. you are hereby directed to issue a Commission to James Kerrigan to assign Guardian, to take the answers of said Infant Defendants;

Ross for Compt.

Thereupon the following Commission was issued

Maryland Sc The State of Maryland, to James Kerrigan Jr of Frederick County Greeting' Whereas The President Directors & Company of The Farmers Bank of Maryland, have lately exhibited their bill of Complaint before me, in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Sitting as a Court of Equity against Elkanah Bateman Surviving partner &c

And whereas I have, by my writ, lately Commanded the said defendants to appear before me, in said Court of Chancery, at a certain day, now past to answer the said — But for as much as the said Charles I Rice Martha M Rice, Benjamin F Rice & Lewis Rice, are — infants, under age, and cannot answer the said bill of Complaint, nor defend this suit, without having a guardian assigned in that behalf. Know ye therefore, That I have given unto you, full power & authority in pursuance of the Special Order, in said Court to assign & appoint a guardian, for the aforesaid Infants, and take the answer of the said — infants, by such guardian to the said bill of Complaint and therefore I Command you, that at such certain day & 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 & take the answers of the said Infants, by such guardian to the said Bill of Complaint on such guardian's Corporal oath, upon the Holy Evangels 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 close 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 Hon Madison Nelson, Judge of said Court the 28 day of Feby anno Domini 1853 Issued 21 day of June 1853

(Test.)
Edward Shriver Clk

The Joint and general answer of Charles J Rice Martha M Rice Benjamin F Rice & Lewis Rice Infant Defendants, under twenty one years of age by Abner Campbell their guardian, to the Bill of Complaint of The President Directors & Company of The Farmers Bank of Maryland filed in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Sitting as a Court of Equity against themselves and others. These Defendants cannot admit any of the matters & things charged in said bill of Complaint being Infants of tender years submit their rights to the protection of this Honble Court

A. Campbell Guard. for Def