on the part the Complainant & hereunto returned to wit: To 1st Int'g
He answers - he knows all the parties. Complainants & Defendants
To the 2d Int'g He answers He knew Rice of Frederick County He is now
dead - He died in Frederick County - less than a year ago. He left a
widow and five children. the widow is Rosanna D. Rice. all the chil-
dren are under 21 years of age, except Mrs Sarah Bateman one of the
children of said Rice. the names of the Infant children. are Charles-
I Rice Martha M. Rice Benjamin F. Rice & Lewis Rice. they all
reside in Frederick County. To the 3d Int'g He answers - He knows
that said Lewis Rice was engaged in the Milling Business. at the-
time of his death. and carried it on in Frederick County That the said
Rice was conducting it in Partnership with Elkanah Bateman
To the 4th Int'g deponent answers - That said firm at the time of the-
death of said Lewis Rice was seized of both personal & Real Estate,
located in Frederick County
That deponent has looked at Exhibits No 1 & No 2. filed within Now
shown him & States that the Real to which deponent refers is the-
same as that described in said Exhibits. deponent knows nothing-
further of this Interrogatory
To the fifth Interrogatory, deponent answers he knows only by report
of the indebtedness of said firm That deponent considers the Indebt-
edness large, That the personal assets will not be sufficient to-
extinguish the debts - That it will be necessary to sell all, or nearly
the Real Estate to pay off the debts, now due & owing by said Partnership
To the Sixth Interrogatory He answers from deponents knowledge
of the business transactions of Rice & Bateman the affairs of-
said Concern are much complicated, and deponent believes
it would be for the advantage of all parties in interest. That the
Partnership should be wound up by a Sale of the whole of the property
That some of the Property is of a perishable character & the Interest
is necessary and where so many are concerned the property will
not be looked after so well The Commission was here closed &
is Respectfully returned.

Cost to Com'r $ 4.-
" to CK " 2.66
" Witness " 66¢

June - 24. 1853

R Nelson W. Com'r. (Seal)

Thereupon the following Decree was passed

The President. Directors & Company of the Farmers Bank of Maryland
vs
Bateman & others

No 2457 Equity In the Circuit Court for Frederick County. -
July Term 1853

This cause standing ready for-
hearing. and being submitted by the parties & it appearing-
That the Complainants are entitled to the relief prayed. it is this
26 day of July 1853 adjudged ordered & Decreed. that Michael-
Keefer of Frederick County. be and he is hereby appointed a Re-
ceiver with power & authority to take charge & possession
of the goods, wares & merchandise, papers, effects & Real Es-
tate of or belonging to the late firm of Rice & Bateman & collect
the outstanding debts due the said firm. and the said Elkanah
Bateman -