1853 by Madison Nelson, Chancellor Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit for the State of Maryland sitting in the Chancery Court for Frederick County as a Court of Equity, and by the authority of said Court Ordered adjudged and decreed - That Michael Keefer be and he is hereby discharged from his office, and Trust in selling the Mill property, and the land thereto attached, described in the proceedings in this cause, with liberty to purchase or bid for said property, in the same manner as any other person, not connected with the trust And it is further Ordered adjudged and Decreed that Wm I Ross & M B Lackett be and they are hereby appointed Trustees to make sale of any Real estate of the said Lewis Rice & Elkanah Bateman as partners, trading under the name Style and firm of Rice and Bateman, not heretofore sold by the said Michael Keefer - the receiver in this cause, the said Trustees first giving Bond, in the penalty of Ten thousand dollars, with security to be approved by this Court or the Clerk, for the faithful discharge of their trust confided in them by this Decree or which may be confided in them by any future Decree, or Order in the premises the said Trustees are authorized to sell said Real and personal Estate, at public sale, by first giving at least two weeks public notice, in one or more news papers published in Frederick County, of the time, place manner, and Terms of Sale, which terms shall be, One third Cash, the residue in two Equal annual payments, from the day of sale, to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, with approved Security, and bearing Interest from the day of Sale - The said Trustees shall as soon as convenient after any such sale make full report thereof to this Court with an affidavit of the truth, and fairness thereof, therein annexed, and on ratification of such sale by the Court, and on payment of the whole purchase money - the Trustees shall convey to the purchaser, and his heirs the property sold to him, her, or them, free clear & discharged from all claim of the complainant, or defendants, or those claiming by from, or under them, or any of them, and the Trustees shall bring into this court, the money and notes arising from such sale, to be distributed under the Order of the Court, among the parties, or their to the same, deducting therefrom the Costs of this suit, and the usual Commissions and expenses allowed to Trustees under Decrees for sale of Real Estate. (Wm. Nelson.

Bond State of Maryland Stamp 5/2 dollars. Know all men by these presents, that we William I Ross Montgy B Lackett, Washington Ross and Joshua Dill of Frederick County State of Maryland, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland, in the full & just sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, lawful money, to be paid to the said State, or its certain attorney, to which payment well and truly to be made, and done, we bind ourselves & each of us, our, and each of our heirs, executors & administrators jointly & severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals & dated this 21st day of October 1853 Whereas the above named William I Ross and M B Lackett, have been appointed Trustees to sell the balance of the Real Estate of Rice & Bateman, not heretofore sold -