will prove utterly insufficient for the payment of his debts, & that it will require the sale of the whole of his Real Estate to meet them. These respondents further admit, that said George Koontz died leaving a widow Margaret Koontz one of these respondents and the following children. Ann Minerva married to John H. Keller, Geo S Koontz Elizabeth married to Thomas Wade, Charles F. Fanny R James & Sophia Thulell are of full age, with the exception of Charles F Fanny R. James & Sophia M Koontz who are Infants, under 21 years of age - all of whom reside in Frederick County, except Geo S. Koontz who resides in Baltimore and your respondents pray hence to be dismissed &c

Wathy Ross adm of Geo. Koontz (dec)
John H Keller
Anne M Keller

Geo. S. Koontz.
Thomas Wade.
Elizabeth Wade
Margaret Koontz

I hereby agree to accept the within answer without oath

W. I. Ross.

Geo Smith
Repl. "
Margaret Koontz.
Wath^n Ross adm
of Geo Koontz & others.

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The Clerk will enter a general replication to the answers of the Infant defendants in this cause, as filed by P L Storm their guardian & issue a commission to Frederick J Nelson to take Testimony to sustain the allegations in the bill

Wm I Ross Solr for Com

Thereupon the following Commission was issued

Maryland Sc The State of Maryland to Frederick J Nelson Esq: of Frederick County Greeting: Be it Known that you are appointed Commissioner to examine evidence in a cause depending, in the Circuit Court for Frederick County as Court of Chancery, between George Smith, Complainant, and Margaret Koontz, Washington Ross adm and others Defendants, you are therefore required having first taken the Oath hereunto annexed & also administer the annexed Oath to the person, whom you shall appoint, as Clerk, to attend the Execution of this Commission, that at such time and place, as to you shall seem Convenient, you cause to come before you, all such witnesses, as shall be named and produced to you by either the plaintiff or Defendants & that you examine them on their Corporal Oaths, to be by you administered upon the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, touching their Knowledge or remembrance of any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid, and that you cause reduced to be given to the parties or their attorney of the Execution of the Commission before you execute the same, & having received the depositions of the witnesses so taken by you into writing, you send the same with this Commission, close under your hand & seal, unto the Court as a Court of Chancery, with all Convenient speed: Witness the Honble Madison Nelson Judge of said Court, the 3d day of January Anno Domini 1853. Issued 10 January 1853

Edw Shriver Clk.