

The answer of Damm Snook, an infant, under the age of Twenty and - years, by Samuel Carmack Esq. his guardian to the Bill of Complaint of Jacob and John Staley, against him in Chancery exhibited

This defendant cannot admit any of the matters & things alleged in the said Bill and being an infant of tender years submits his rights to the protection of this Court

On the 18th Day of October 1853 the above named Samuel Carmack Esq. appeared before me Commissioner, and made oath that the matters & things stated in the foregoing answer and true to the best of his knowledge & belief.

R Wilson Esq. Comr.

The following Order for a Commission to take Testimony.

N^o 2512 Equity The clerk will issue a Commission to take Testimony to R Wilson Esq.

Oct^o 20 1853.

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And thereupon the following Commission was issued.

Maryland. To The State of Maryland to Robert Wilson Esq. of Frederick County Greeting - Best known that you are appointed Commissioner, to examine evidence in a Cause depending in the Circuit Court for Frederick County as a court of Chancery - between Jacob & John Staley - Complainants and William Staley & other defendants. You are therefore required having first taken the Oath, hereunto annexed & also administered 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 evidence as shall be named and produced to you, by either the plaintiff or Defendant, and that you examine them on their Corporal Oaths to be by you administered, upon the Holy Evangel of - Almighty God, touching their knowledge, or remembrance of any - that may relate to the cause of fact and that you cause Notice - to be given to the parties, or their attorneys, of the execution of the Commission, before you execute the same, and having reduced the - Depositions of the witnesses so taken by you, into writing, you - send the same, with this Commission closed under your hand & seal, into the Court as a Court of Chancery with all convenient speed; Witness The Hon^{ble} Edward Mearns Judge of said Court the 17th Day of October Anno Domini 1853 Issued 20th day of October 1853.

Edward Mearns J^g

Commissioner's Oath

You shall according to the best of your Skill and knowledge, truly faithfully, and without partiality, to any or either of the parties, take the examinations, and Depositions of all and every witness & Witnesses produced and examined by virtue of the Commission hereunto - annexed, upon the Interrogatories now, or which may hereafter before the said Commission is closed be produced and left with - you, by either of said parties so help you God. Sworn to under Seal

Oath Recorded in the Clerk's Office

Clerk's Oath

You shall truly faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the parties in this cause take write down and transcribe, the - Depositions