

Gentlemen Greeting: Know ye, that we have in pursuance to an order of the Circuit Court, for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, passed on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 1854 - in a cause therein pending, between - Edward A. Shiner, Complainant, and Catharine Shiner & others, defendants, fully authorized, and empowered you, or a majority of you to proceed to view, and value the Real Estate of Cornelius Shiner dec<sup>d</sup> as mentioned in the bill of Complaint, in No. 2577 Equity to-wit: "The Ceresville Mills and lands thereto attached - Containing Forty and a half acres, and seven perches of land, also part of a tract of land called "Tasker's Chance" and part of Pepp<sup>r</sup>-meadow, containing six acres, two rods, & 35 ps of land, more or less, heretofore conveyed by Edward Schley & wife to said Cornelius Shiner, also all those parts of several tracts of land "called" The Linganore Mills, with the lands attached, containing one hundred and twelve acres of land more or less - part of a tract of land called "Charles & Elizabeth, containing - eight and three eighths of an acre of land, more or less, also lot No. 3, being part of a tract of land called "The Reverend" containing Fifty <sup>two</sup> acres of land more or less, also part of a tract of land, called "Stammont's request" containing six acres, & sixteen square ps of land, also an Equitable Estate of, in and to the Stone place of the late Thomas N. Howard, containing one hundred and fifty one acres, one Road & four perches of land, being part of the tract called "Charles & Elizabeth, heretofore sold by Joshua Dill Esq. as Executor of the last will, and Testament of Thomas N. Howard, late of Frederick County, dec<sup>d</sup>, and that any three, or four of you, enter upon walk over, and survey the said Real Estate, and value the same, subject to all encumbrances if any thereon, and to divide the same into four equal parts, having regard to quantity, and quality, if in their opinion the said Real Estate be susceptible of such division, with advantage to all the parties interested therein and to allot one such division to Edward A. Shiner, one to Catharine Shiner, one to George W. B. Shiner, and one to Cornelius N. Shiner, and if in your opinion the said Real Estate be not susceptible of such division, with advantage to the parties interested therein, then that you proceed to divide the same into such lesser number of parts, as you may deem most to the advantage of all the parties interested therein, and to ascertain the value of such parts thereof, subject to any incumbrances thereon, having regard as aforesaid to quantity, and quality, and if in your opinion the said Real Estate, will not admit of division, without loss, or injury to the parties, then that you make return of said Judgment, and the Reasons upon which the same was formed, with the Real value of said Estate, subject to any incumbrances thereon, and that you shall lay off the dower, of Mary Phoebe Shiner, the widow of the deceased, in the said Real Estate, before you proceed to divide, or value the same, and that you shall make, or cause to be made out a plot & certificate of the said Real Estate, and of the division thereof, with the Beginning, and Courses, and an accurate description of the said Estate, and of the several parts thereof; and when you shall have done so, you, or any three of you, who shall act, are to certify and return into our Court, as a Court of Equity, without delay your acts & proceedings in the premises, together with the plots, descriptions, and documentary or other evidence, made, produced to, or taken by your certificate, distinctly & plainly - written, closed up, under your several seals, or the seals of such three, or four of you, as shall act. Provided nevertheless, that before you, or any of you shall act in the premises, you, or such of you as are to act shall cause notice to be given to all parties concerned, by advertisements set up, at the Court House - and such other places as you may designate, of Frederick County, and each take the Oath herunto annexed, Witness the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Madison Nelson, Judge of our said Court, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October A. D. 1854. J. S. / Edu<sup>d</sup> Shiner. Ck.

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