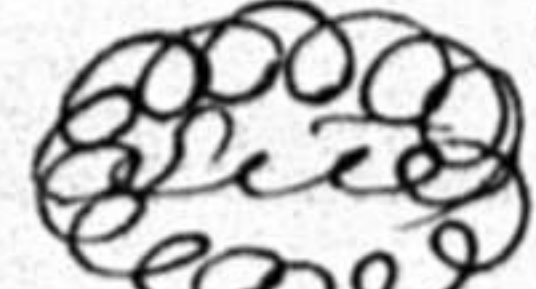


Charles W. Dudderar, infants under the age of twenty one years by John Ritchie their guardian - to the Bill of Complaint - against them, in the Circuit Court for Frederick County exhibited. These defendants cannot admit any of the matters, and things alleged in the said Bill, and being Infants of tender years submit their rights to the protection of this Court.

John Ritchie jun.

On this 23^d day of February, the above named John Ritchie - appeared before me the Commissioner, and made oath - that the matters, and things stated in the foregoing answer - are true to the best of his knowledge, and belief.

Frederick J. Nelson, Comr. 

Thereupon the following Commission was issued to wit:

Maryland Let. The State of Maryland to Frederick J. Nelson Esq. of Frederick County Greeting: Be it known that you are appointed Commissioner to examine evidences in a Cause depending, in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, as a Court of Equity, between Isaac Davis & others Complainants, and Albert F. Miles & others defendants, you are therefore required, having first taken the oath hereunto annexed, and 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 & place as to you shall seem convenient, you cause to come before you all such Evidences as shall be named, and produced to you by either the Complainants, or defendants, and that you examine them on their Corporal Oaths, to be by you administered, upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, touching their knowledge or remembrance of any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid; 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 close under your hand & seal into the Court as a Court of Equity, with all convenient speed. Witness the Hon. Madison Nelson, Judge of our said Court, the 12th day of February, Anno Domini 1855. Issued 23^d day of February 1855.
E. Shivers ckr

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 & depositions of all, and every witness, and witnesses, produced, and examined by virtue of the Commission hereunto annexed, upon the Interrogatories now, or which may hereafter, before said Commission is closed - be produced to, and left with you, by either of the said parties. So help you God.

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 of all and every the witness, and witnesses, produced, and examined, by the Commissioner to take write-down, and transcribe the said Depositions, or any of them so help you God.

Frederick J. Nelson Comr.

The following Interrogatories were filed with the Commissioner

Isaac Davis & Nathaniel his inf & oth.

vs.

Alfred F. Miles, Francis Miles
and others.

} In the Circuit Court for Frederick County
} Sitting in Equity.
} Interrogatories to be propounded to witnesses
} produced by Complainants.