

with your Certificate of your having assigned, and appointed such guardian as-
aforesaid, and this writ, unto me, in said Court. Witness the Hon. Madison
Nelson - Judge of said Court, the 12th day of February, Anno Domini 1855.
Term. 18. day of June 1855. Test. Edw. Shivers Clk.

Crampton et al } N^o 2658 Equity. To the Hon. Madison Nelson, Judge of the Circuit
Court, for Frederick County, sitting in Equity.

Crampton et al } The subscriber, the Commissioner - named in the annexed
Commission - certifies that in execution of the powers thereby vested in me,
I did on the 21st day of June 1855, assign and appoint Francis A. Knott - of
Frederick County - guardian, to the Infants mentioned in the said Commission
and took the answer of said Infants, by their said guardian, and under the
Oath of said guardian, by me administered, to the bill of Complaint in said
Commission mentioned, which said answer with said Commission is
herewith returned, closed, under my hand, and seal, this 21st day of June 1855.
Geo. K. Shellman

The answer of Benjamin P. Crampton, Robert S. Crampton, Ann E. Crampton
Mary E. Crampton, John F. Crampton, Lewis W. Crampton, and Clinton F. Crampton
infants under the age of Twenty one years, by Francis A. Knott their guardian
to the Bill of Complaint of Oscar P. Crampton, and Thomas A. Crampton a-
gainst them, in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of
Equity exhibited. These defendants, cannot admit any of the matters and
things, alleged in said Bill, and being Infants of tender years submit their
rights to the protection of this Court. F. A. Knott

On this 21st day of June 1855, the above named Francis A. Knott, appeared
before me, Commissioner, and made oath - that the matters & things stated,
in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge & belief.
Geo. K. Shellman

"Endorsed" The execution of the within Commission will appear by the papers
enclosed. Geo. K. Shellman Clk.

The following order was filed, June 21/55.

Crampton } N^o 2618 Equity. In Circuit Court, for Frederick County,
February Term 1855.

" } In this case, the answers of the defendants, being all in -
Crampton. } It is Ordered that a Commission issue to Geo. K. Shellman
to take Testimony in the case. W. Nelson.

Thereupon the following Commission was issued, to wit:

Maryland &c. The State of Maryland, to George K. Shellman Esquire,
of Frederick County, greeting: Be it known that you are ap-
pointed - Commissioner, to examine Evidences in a Cause de-
pending - in the Circuit Court, for Frederick County, as a Court of Equity,
between Oscar P. Crampton & Thomas A. Crampton Complainants, and
Benjamin P. Crampton & 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 and 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 -