

E. M. Cromwell, and your orators Richard Cromwell, and Stephen A. Cromwell are children of the said Richard Cromwell dec^d. by your oratrix Caroline Jane Cromwell, and that the said children are of full age. And your Complainants further show - that the said deceased left only three other children, also still living, to wit, Curtis A. Cromwell, Teresa C. Cromwell, and Emily S. Cromwell - all of whom are Infants, under the age of Twenty one years. And your Complainants further show - that the said Real Estate is incapable of an advantageous division, and that it can now be sold to very great advantage - and that to keep it Tenanted out would greatly deteriorate its value whilst the proceeds of such renting would be wholly insufficient to enable the said Caroline Jane Cromwell to support, and educate the said infants, and your Complainants show that it would be greatly to the Interest and advantage of all Concerned, the said Caroline Jane Cromwell the life-tenant as aforesaid, as well as the tenants in remainder, who are the said Children of the said deceased as aforesaid - That said property should be sold, and the nett proceeds invested during the life of the said life Tenant, for her use, and after her death be distributed amongst those entitled - but now so it is may it please your Honorable Court, That your Complainants are without adequate remedy, save by the aid of your Honorable Court. To the end therefore, that the said Curtis A. Cromwell, Teresa C. Cromwell and Emily S. Cromwell may answer the several matters, and things herein before stated fully and particularly, and that the Real Estate aforesaid, may be sold and the proceeds invested, under the Order of your Honorable Court, for the use of the said Caroline Jane Cromwell during her natural life, and after her death be divided amongst those entitled, and that your Complainants may have all such other & further relief, as the nature of their case may require, may it please your Honor to grant unto your Complainants a writ of Subpoena against the said Curtis A. Cromwell, Teresa C. Cromwell, and Emily S. Cromwell, of Frederick County aforesaid, Commanding them to appear, in this Court, at some day certain, to be therein named to answer the premises, & to obey by, and perform such Decree as may be passed therein - and as in duty so to do.

E. Louis Lowe, Sol. for Compt^r.

Exhibit A is in the words & figures following, Viz.

In the name of God amen. I Richard Cromwell of Frederick County, in the State of Maryland, being sick, and weak in body, but of sound & disposing mind, memory, and understanding, Considering the Certainty of death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make, and publish this my last will & Testament, in manner & form following That is to say - First & principally - I Commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executrix hereinafter named and after my debts, and funeral charges are paid I devise & bequeath as follows. I give devise & bequeath, unto my dear wife Caroline J. Cromwell during her natural life, all the Real and personal Estate, which I own and possess, at the time of my death, and at the death of her my said wife I will order, and direct - that the whole of said Real & personal Estate, shall go, to my children, then living, Share & Share alike. My will & desire is, and I do hereby so order, and direct - That should any of my Slaves at my death become dissatisfied, or unwilling to remain in the possession of my dear wife, then such Slave, or Slaves shall have the -