

(On this 26. day of June, in the year eighteen hundred & fifty five, the above named E. C. Lyons, guardian of Peter Sowers Bantz, appeared before me the acting Commissioner, and made oath - That the matters and things stated in the foregoing answers are true, to the best of his knowledge & belief, sworn before Geo. S. Koontz, Commissioner.)

To the Honble Madison Nelson, Circuit Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland, sitting in the Circuit Court, for Frederick County as a Court of Equity. The subscriber, being one of the Commissioners, named in the annexed Commission, hereby certifies that in the execution of the powers - thereby vested in me - I did on the 26. day of June, in the year, eighteen hundred, and fifty five, proceed to the house of the B. & O. R. Rd Co. in Piedmont, State of Virginia, where Peter Sowers Bantz, the infant named in said Commission then was, and caused the said Infant to be brought before me, & then, and there in the presence of the said Infant, assigned, and appointed E. C. Lyons of Piedmont, State of Virginia, guardian to said Infant, and took the answer of said Infant, by his said guardian, and under the oath of the said guardian by me administered, to the Bill of Complaint in the said Commission mentioned, which said answer, with said Commission is herewith returned, close under my hand, and seal, this 26. day of June, in the year, Eighteen hundred & Fifty five.

Geo. S. Koontz, acty Comr.

Gideon Bantz & Julia Bantz his wife & others. No. 2624. Equity. In the Circuit Court, for Frederick County, as a Court of Equity.

Peter Sowers Bantz the Infant defendant by his guardian, as returned, and filed in this case. Enter a general replication to the answer of Peter Sowers Bantz the Infant defendant by his guardian, as returned, and filed in this case. Wm. J. Rofs, Scler. For Complainants.

The following Petition was filed June 28. 1855. To the Honorable Madison Nelson, Circuit Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland. The Petition of Gideon Bantz, and Julia Bantz his wife and others Complainants in No. 2624. Equity Docket of the Circuit Court for Frederick County respectfully sheweth. That the answer of Peter Sowers Bantz the Infant defendant by his guardian, appointed, according to the order, and practice of the Court has been duly returned, and filed in the said case your petitioners pray your Honor to order & direct a Commission to issue to some suitable person, authorizing him to take testimony to sustain the allegations contained in this bill of Complaint.

Wm. J. Rofs, Scler. for Compts.

Ordered by the Court, this 28. day of June 1855. that a Commission issue to Geo. H. Shellman, as above prayed. M. Nelson.

Whereupon the following Commission was issued Maryland Sct: The State of Maryland, to George H. Shellman Esq. of Frederick County, Greeting: Be it known, that you are appointed Commissioner to examine Evidence, in a cause depending, in the Circuit Court, for Frederick County, as a Court of Equity - Between Gideon Bantz & wife & others Complainants & Peter Sowers Bantz defendant. You are therefore required, having first taken the Oath hereunto annexed, and also administered the annexed Oath to the person whom you shall appoint, to attend the execution of this Commission, that at such time, and place, as to you shall seem convenient