

you cause to come before you, all such evidences, as shall be named & 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 Evangel 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, and seal, into the Court, as a Court of Equity, with all convenient speed. Witness the Hon. Madison Nelson, Judge of our said Court, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February Anno Domini 1855. Issues 28. June 1855.

Edw. Shivers, Ck.

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

So help you God. Sworn before M. B. Blythe.

### Clerk's Office 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 & every the witness, and witnesses, produced, and examined by the Commission, to take write down, and transcribe, the said depositions, or any of them. So help you God.

At the execution of the annexed, Commission, issued out of the Court Court, for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, and to me directed and empowering me to examine evidences in the cause depending in the said Court, between Gideon Bantz, and Julia Bantz his wife & others, as Complainants and Peter S. Bantz as defendants. I George W. Shellman the Commissioner therein named, did on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 1855, at my office in Frederick Town, having first taken the Oath annexed to said Commission, proceed to take the following depositions, to wit -

1<sup>st</sup> Interrogatory. That he does know the parties to said cause - That he has known Henry G. Davis, and the wives of Gideon Bantz, William S. Bantz, Theodore S. Bantz, Edward Bantz & Algernon S. Bantz, since the time of their respective marriages - and all the rest of the parties, during their lives. 2<sup>d</sup> Interrogatory. That he did know Gideon Bantz Sr. He is dead. He died in the fall of the year 1854. He resided in Frederick Town, in Frederick County at the time of his death. 3<sup>d</sup> Interrogatory. That said Gideon Bantz Sr. died intestate. He left a widow, and children. His widow is named Ann Maria Bantz - The names of the children are Elizabeth M. Ebbert, the widow of A. J. Ebbert, Gideon Bantz, who is intermarried with Julia Hartman William S. Bantz, who is intermarried with Caroline Drummond and Peter S. Bantz, all of whom, reside in Frederick County. Mary Ann & Catharine Davis, who is intermarried with Henry G. Davis, and with her husband resides in Alleghany County, in this State & Edward Bantz, who is intermarried with Malinda Coblenz & Theodore S. Bantz, who is intermarried with Cecelia Hartman -