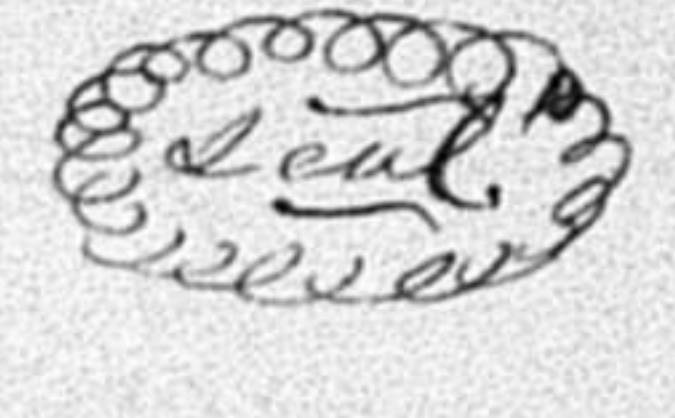


In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, & Seal. on this 4. day of Decr. 1855.
Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of. } Geon. Bantz. 

William J. Ross.

Thereupon the following Decree was passed.

Gideon Bantz, and Julia Bantz his wife } N^o 2624. Equity. In the Circuit Court for
& others. } Frederick County, as a Court of Equity.

v.

Peter Bantz Sower Bantz. - Interlocutory Decree passed in this cause -
for the partition of the Real Estate of Gideon Bantz, late of Frederick County
State of Maryland, having made a return of their proceedings, under the said
Decree, and having returned, and reported that said Real Estate was not sus-
ceptible of division among the parties entitled to the same. - and Gideon Bantz
the eldest son of said Gideon Bantz dec^d. having elected to take at the valuation
of the said Commissioners - all those parts of the said Real Estate, which is
described in the return of the said Commissioners, and referred to in said
return as lands described in Exhibits N^o 6 & N^o 7. in the Bill filed in said
Cause, and declined to take the residue of the Lands of the said Gideon Bantz
dec^d. and William S. Bantz the second son of said Gideon Bantz dec^d. having
elected to take at the valuation of the said Commissioners, all those parts
of said Real Estate described in Exhibits N^o 3 & 4. in said Cause, & referred
to, in the return of the said Commissioners, and declined to take the residue
of said Lands of the said Gideon Bantz, and Elizabeth M. Ebbert, Thomas S.
Bantz, Edward Bantz, Algreen S. Bantz and Henry S. Davis & Catharine A. S. Davis
his wife, the other adult children, and heirs at Law of said Gideon Bantz, deceased
having refused to take any part of the Real Estate of the said Gideon Bantz,
at the valuation thereof by the said Commissioners.

It is thereupon this 2^d day of January, in the year, eighteen Hundred & fifty six -
by Mason Nelson, Circuit Judge, for the Third Judicial Circuit of the State
of Maryland, and by the authority of the Circuit Court, for Frederick County,
sitting as a Court of Equity. Ordo adjudged, and Decreed that the said Return
of the said Commissioners be, and the same is hereby ratified & Confirmed, &
it is further Ordoed and adjudged, and Decreed that the said Gideon Bantz
shall hold in severally, and not jointly, or in Common with the other par-
ties to this suit, all those parts of the Real Estate of said Gideon Bantz dec^d.
described in the return of said Commissioners, and in Exhibits N^o 6. & N^o 7.
filed in said Cause, and it is further Ordoed, adjudged, and Decreed that
the said William S. Bantz shall hold in severally, and not jointly or in Com-
mon with the other parties to this suit, all those parts of said Real Estate of
the said Gideon Bantz dec^d. described in the return of the said Commissioners,
and in Exhibits N^o 3 & N^o 4. in said Cause.

And it is further Ordoed, adjudged, and Decreed - that all the residue of the
Real Estate of said Gideon Bantz dec^d. described in these proceedings, be sold, for
the purpose of partition, and that Gideon Bantz of Frederick County, State of
Maryland, be, and he is hereby appointed a Trustee to make the said sale,
and that the course, and manner of his proceedings, shall be as follows
He shall first file with the Clerk of this Court, a Bond to the State of Maryland
to be executed by himself, and a Surety, or further to be approved by this Court
or the Clerk thereof, in the penalty of sixteen thousand dollars, conditioned
for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in him by this Decree
or which may be reposed in him by any future Decree, or order in the prem-
ise.