

you, that at such certain day, and place as you shall think fit, you go to the said defendants, if they cannot conveniently come to you, & assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid Infants, and take the answers of said Infants by such guardian to the said Bill of Complaint, on such guardians Corporal Oath, upon the Holy Evangel, to be administered by you, the said answers being distinctly and plainly wrote, and when you shall have so taken the said answers, you are to send the same closed up under your seal together with your certificate of your having assigned & appointed such guardian as aforesaid, and this writ, unto me in said Court. Witness the Honourable Madison Nelson, Judge of our said Court, the 11. day of February, 1856.

Issued 15th April, 1856. Test. Estuices etc.

Smith. } No. 2665. Equity. In Circuit Court, for Frederick County in Equity.
 or } The answers of Hyram E. Smith, Henriett R. Smith & John J. Smith et al. } Smith, by John A. Lynch their guardian, to the Bill of Complaint of John J. Smith, against them in Equity exhibited.

This defendant 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.

John A. Lynch,
 Guardian.

On this 15th April, 1856, the above named, John A. Lynch, appeared before me Com^r and made Oath - that the matters, and things stated in the foregoing answers are true to the best of his knowledge & belief.

Bradley J. Johnson Com^r.

To the Honourable M. Nelson, Judge of the Circuit Court, for Frederick County, sitting in Equity. The Subscriber, being the Commissioner, named in the annexed Commission hereby certified - that in execution of the powers thereby vested in me, I did on the 15th day of April, 1856, at my office in the City of Frederick, where the Infants, named in said Commission then were & then and there in their presence assigned & appointed John A. Lynch, Esquire Guardian to said Infants, and took the answer of said Infants by their said guardian, under his Oath, by me administered to the Bill of Complaint in said Commission mentioned, which said answer is herewith returned with said Commission, closed under my hand & seal, this 15th day of April 1856.

Bradley J. Johnson, Com^r.

"Endorsed" The execution of the within Commission will appear by the papers enclosed.

Bradley J. Johnson, Com^r.

Smith. } No. 2665, Equity. In the Circuit Court, for Frederick County.
 or } sitting as a Court of Equity - The answer of the Infant de-
 Smith et al. } fendants in this case, having been duly returned & filed, it is on motion of Solicitor for Complainant, ordered that a Commission issue to Bradley J. Johnson, Esq^r to take Testimony in this case.

April, 25, 1856.

M. Nelson.

Whereupon the following Commission was issued: to wit:

Maryland &c. The State of Maryland, to Bradley J. Johnson, Esq^r of Frederick County. Greeting: Be it known - that you are appointed Commissioner to examine evidences, in a cause depending in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, as a Court of Equity. Between John J. Smith Complainant and Hyram E. Smith et al. Defendants, you are therefore required, having first taken the Oath herunto 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