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except a nervous depression of spirits, under which has laboured for some time, supposed to be occasioned by the afflictions in her family.

Sworn & Deigned.

Wm. Mervine.

Maryland &c. The State of Maryland, to Commodore William Mervine & Captain Josiah Ingham of the City of San Francisco California -
Greeting: Whereas Duym. & Ritter, have lately exhibited their bill of Complaint, before me, in the Circuit Court, for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity against Susan, A.R. Taylor & others. And whereas I have, by my writ, lately commanded the said Defendants, to appear before me, in said Court, as a Court of Equity, at a certain day now past to answer the said Bill of Complaint. But for as much as the said Alexander M. Comb Taylor, is an Infant under age, and cannot answer the said Bill of Complaint, nor defend this suit, without having a guardian assigned in that behalf, Know ye, therefore that I have given unto you full power and authority in pursuance of the special order in said Court, to assign & appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants, and take the answer of the said Infants by such guardian to the said Bill of Complaint and then for I Command you, or either of 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, and assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid Infants, & take the answer of the said Infant, by such guardian to the said Bill of Complaint, on such guardians Corporal Oath, upon the Holy Evangelists, to be administered by you, or either of you, the said answer being distinctly & plainly wrote: and when you shall have so taken the said answers, you are to seal 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 Hon. - Mason Nelson, Judge of the said Court the 2^d day of July Anno, Domini 1855. Issued 13. day of October. 1855. Test. Edw. Shriver ck.

The answer of Alexander M. Comb Taylor, an Infant, under the age of Twenty one years, by Daniel Rogers his guardian to the Bill of Complaint of Allen G. Duym. & J. Alfred Ritter, against him, in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity. Exhibited.

This defendant knows nothing of the matter & things alleged in the said bill and being an Infant of tenor years, submits his rights to the protection of this Court.

Daniel Rogers, Guardian.

On this fourth day of December, A.D. 1855 the above named Daniel Rogers, appeared before me, Commissioner, and made oath, that the matters & things stated in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge & belief

Wm. Mervine (Comm,)

To the Honorable Mason Nelson, Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

The subscriber being the Commissioner, named in the annexed Commission, hereby certifies, that in execution of the powers thereby vested in me, I did on the fourth day of December A.D. 1855, at Mare Island, State of California, assign & appoint Daniel Rogers, of San Francisco, guardian to Alexander M. Comb Taylor - the infant defendant - named in the said Commission, and took the answer of said Infant by his guardian, and under the Oath of said guardian by me administered, to the Bill of Complaint in said Commission mentioned, which said