

2638 Equity. In the Circuit, for Frederick County. Sitting as a Court of Equity  
 This defendant, making the usual reservations & exceptions to said bill for answers  
 to so much thereof as affects, or concerns him says. That on or about the 7<sup>th</sup> day  
 of June 1845. this defendant executed and delivered to Mrs. Nancy Taylor a bond  
 in the penalty of \$10,000 Conditioned for the payment to her during life of the annu-  
 sum of Seven Hundred & Eighty Dollars (\$780.) which bond Mrs. Nancy Taylor, now  
 holds, or has under Control as this defendant believes. The bond was given for  
 the benefit, and accommodation of Griffin Taylor, he was bound for the annuity  
 and continued during his life to pay it. To secure this defendant, for the amount  
 of said annuity, Griffin Taylor, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1845. executed a Deed of Trust  
 on certain lands therein mentioned & described, which deed is of Record in the  
 proper land office, in the County of Frederick - and a true Copy thereof is filed  
 with the bill of the Complainants marked exhibit N<sup>o</sup> 9.

This deed, as appears from another exhibit filed was ordered to be released  
 upon a petition purporting upon its face to have been possessed by this  
 defendant, in conjunction with Griffin Taylor. See exhibit N<sup>o</sup> 11. This defen-  
 dant utterly denies that he ever gave authority to any one to file such a  
 petition in his name, and he now here claims the full benefit of the original  
 deed of Trust, so far - as he may have given his signature to a release or  
 releasees. This defendant is only desirous however to have full indemnity  
 to the extent - that he is liable to Mrs. Nancy Taylor, that is the annuity of \$780. -  
 during her life - and if his bond is surrendered to him to be cancelled, he is  
 fully satisfied, otherwise he asks that the Court will fully protect him by  
 setting apart a fund sufficient, to satisfy said annuity & safely invest the  
 same, for that purpose. Having answered said bills, as far as he is interested  
 or concerned, & having no personal knowledge touching the other matters of  
 said bills this defor. prays - to be dismissed with his costs, & denying all  
 fraud &c. P. M. McCormick.

Feb. 8. 1856. I hereby agree to accept the within answer, without oath  
 to have the same effect as if sworn to.  
 Ross Johnson, Saller.  
 For Compt<sup>s</sup>.

Allen G. Zuyew, and J. Alfred Ritter, vs. N. 2638. Equity. In the Circuit Court, for Frederick County. Sitting In Equity. January Term 1856.

The above Cause - standing ready for a hearing, the  
 Bill, supplemental Bills, answers, exhibits Depositions return of Com-  
 missioner, the renunciation of dower by Susan A. R. Taylor the widow,  
 affidavit of age of widow & all other proceedings were by the Court read  
 & considered. It is thereupon this tenth day of February, in the year of our  
 Lord, one thousand eight hundred & fifty six, by Madison Nelson Circuit Judge  
 for the third Judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland, & by the authority of  
 the Circuit Court, for Frederick County, as a Court of Equity, ordered ad-  
 judged, and decreed. That the Real Estate, whereof Griffin Taylor, late of Frederick  
 County, State of Maryland, died seized, and possessed & mentioned in these  
 proceedings be sold, for the payment of the balance of the debts of the decd.  
 to the liquidation whereof his personal Estate has proved inadequate, and  
 for the further purpose of partition - between the widow & legal representatives  
 of said Griffin Taylor, and that Godfrey Knoutz & Michael Keefer, be, and  
 they are hereby appointed the Trustees, to make such sale, and that the  
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