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Maryland, &c. The state of Maryland, To William G. Cole, Esq: of Frederick County, Greeting. Whereas John M<sup>c</sup> Dermott & wife & his M<sup>c</sup> Fee, have lately exhibited their Bill of Complaint before me in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, against James W. M<sup>c</sup> Fee & 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 James M<sup>c</sup> Fee, Elizabeth M<sup>c</sup> Fee and Cecelia M<sup>c</sup> Fee are infants under age, and cannot answer the said Bill of Complaint nor defend this suit, without having a guardian assigned in their 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 and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants, and to take the answer of the said infants, by such guardian to the said Bill of Complaint and therefore I command 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, and take the answers of the said infants, by such guardian, to the said Bill of Complaint on such guardian, Corporal oath upon the Holy Evangelists, 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 and appointed such guardian as aforesaid, and this writ, unto me in said Court. Witness the Honourable Madison Nelson, Judge of said Court, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February Anno Domini 1856. Signed the 22<sup>d</sup> day of April 1856.

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John M<sup>c</sup> Dermott & Mary } N<sup>o</sup> 2631 Equity  
his wife & John M<sup>c</sup> Fee }  
vs }  
James W. M<sup>c</sup> Fee, }  
Joseph M<sup>c</sup> Fee & others } hereby certifies that in execution of the powers thereby vested in me, I did, on the twenty second day of April in the year 1856, assign and appoint Charles Cole of Frederick County, guardian to the infants named in said Commission, and took the answer of said infants, by their said guardian, and under the oath of said guardian by me administered, to the Bill of Complaint in said Commission mentioned, which said answer, with said Commission is herewith returned closed under my hand & seal, this 22<sup>d</sup> day of April 1856.

Wm G. Cole, Com<sup>r</sup> (Seal)

The answer of James M<sup>c</sup> Fee, Elizabeth M<sup>c</sup> Fee, and Cecelia M<sup>c</sup> Fee, infants under the age of twenty one years, by Charles Cole their guardian, to the Bill of Complaint of John M<sup>c</sup> Dermott & others, against James W. M<sup>c</sup> Fee, Joseph M<sup>c</sup> Fee & others in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, exhibited. These defendants cannot admit any of the matters and things alleged in the said bill, and being infants of tender years, submit their rights to the protection of this Court.

Charles Cole, Guard<sup>r</sup>

On this 22<sup>d</sup> day of April 1856, the above named Charles Cole, appeared before me Commissioner, and made oath in due form of law that the matters & things stated in the foregoing answer, are true to the best of his knowledge & belief.

William G. Cole, Comm<sup>r</sup>