

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 Honorable Madison Nelson, Judge of said Court the 7th day of July Anno Domini 1856. Signed the 21st day of July 1856,

Test. Edw. Shover, Clerk,

Comrs
Return

N^o 2679 Equity. To the Honorable Madison Nelson Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity. The subscribers, being the commissioners named in the annexed Commission hereby certify that in execution of the power thereby vested in me, I did on the twenty third day of July A.D. 1856 assign & appoint William G. Cole of Frederick County guardian to the infants named in the said Commission, and took the answer of the 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 23rd day of July 1856.

Geo. K. Shellman

The answer of Lydia Keller, Cassandra Keller, Elizabeth Keller, John Keller, Martin Keller, Robert Keller, James Keller & Charles Keller, infants under the age of twenty one years by William G. Cole their guardian, to the bill of complaint of John D. Atkins against them in the Circuit Court for Fred^{co} 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.

W^m G. Cole

On this 23rd day of July A.D. 1856 the above named William G. Cole, appeared before me the Commissioners, and made oath that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge & belief.

Geo. K. Shellman

Co. Order to
Spec Com^r to
take testimony

Ad Rens

vs

Keller et al

Ordered that a Commission in this case issue to Geo. K. Shellman to take testimony - August 15th /56

M. Nelson

Interrogatories

N^o 2679 Equity - Interrogatories. 1st Do you know the parties to this Bill, 2^d Do you know Jonathan Keller, is he living or dead, if dead, when did he die, 3^d Did he leave a Widow and children what are their names and ages, who have they married & where do they reside, 4th Did Jonathan Keller die seized of real estate where is it situated, from whom did he buy it, describe it.

Bradley T Johnson, Compt. Solicitor

Commission
to take
testimony

Maryland, to the State of Maryland to George K. Shellman, Esq 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 D. Atkins Complainant and David Keller & Others 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 seem convenient, you cause to come before