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's Corporal Oath upon the Holy Evangelys, 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, Issued the 29th day of September 1856. Test Edwd. Shriver, Clerk.
(B. T. Johnson)

No 2687 Equity. To the Hon Madison Nelson, Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County. The Subscriber being the commissioner named in the annexed commission, hereby certifies that in the execution of the powers thereby vested in me, I did, on the twenty ninth day of September A D. 1856, assign and 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 and seal this 29th day of September 1856. Geo. K. Shellman (Seal)

The answer of Noah Manasses Drayer and Sarah Rebecca Drayer, infants under the age of twenty one years by William G. Cole their guardian to the bill of Complaint of Francis Sterner against them 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 right to the protection of this Court,
Wm G. Cole

On this 29th day of September A D. 1856 the above named William G. Cole appeared before me Commissioner, and made oath that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Geo. K. Shellman.

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Sterner vs Leatherman, et. al } No 2687 Equity. In the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting in Equity. The parties to this suit appearing to have been summoned and the answer of the Infant Defendants by Guardian and Jacob Leatherman appearing to have been filed in this cause, and it further appearing that Elizabeth Drayer widow of E Drayer, deceased, has failed either to answer this Bill or to appear in pursuance of the summons of this Court It is this 6th day of January 1857 ordered & decreed by this Court that the said Bill be taken pro Confesso as to said Elizabeth Drayer and that a commission issue to Geo. K. Shellman Esq to take testimony, as the parties may produce before him. M. Nelson,

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Maryland, &c - The State of Maryland to George K. Shellman, Esq of Frederick County (Seal) 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 Francis Sterner Complainant and Jacob Leatherman, Adm^r of E Drayer & Others defendants, You are therefore required, having first taken the Oath hereunto 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 you all such Evidences as shall be named