

unto me in said Court Witness the Honorable Madam Nelson Judge of said Court the 6th day of July Anno Domini 1857 Issued the 24 day of August 1857
Test Edward Phinor Clerk

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Real The State of Maryland to William G Cole Esq of Frederick County Greeting Whereas Charles J Northington has lately exhibited his bill of complaint before me in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity against Thomas J Davis and 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 on foot to answer the said Bill of complaint but for as much as the said Nicholas J Northington 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 known & 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 infant and to take the answer of the said infant 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 said infants by such guardian to the said Bill of complaint - on such guardian's solemn oath upon the Holy Evangelists to be administered by you the said answers being distinctly and plainly wrote and when you shall have 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.

Return of Court to - open business

Witness the Honorable Madam Nelson Judge of said Court the 6 day of July Anno Domini 1857 Issued the seventh day of July 1857
Test Edward Phinor Clerk

To the Honorable Madam 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 9th day of July in the year 1857 assign and appoint Casper Moantz of Frederick County guardian to the infant mentioned in the said commission and took the answer of said infant by his said guardian and under the oath of said guardian by me administered to the Bill in the said commission mentioned which said answer with said commission is herewith returned closed under my hand and seal this 9 day of July 1857

Wm G Cole Real

The answer of Nicholas J Northington by Casper Moantz his guardian to the Bill of complaint against him in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity exhibited. This defendant cannot admit any of the matters & things alleged in the said Bill of complaint and being an infant of tender years submit his rights to the protection of this Court
Casper Moantz Guardian

On this 9 day of July 1857 the above named Casper Moantz appeared before me Commissioner and made oath that the matter and things stated in the foregoing answer is true to the best of his knowledge and belief
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