

excuses set apart, you personally appear before the judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, to be held at the Court House in Fredericktown, in and for said County, on the first Monday of January next to answer the bill and complaint of Tho<sup>s</sup>. C. Keller against you in our said Court, exhibited, and so forth. - Hereof, fail you not, as you will answer the contrary at your peril. Witness the Honorable Madison Nelson, judge of our said Court, the 20th day of October 1862. Issued the 11th day of December 1862.

q. e. To the Sheriff of Frederick County.  R. G. Fitzhugh Clerk

Endorsed "Summoned" W. Zimmerman Sheriff

Order to issue Commission

Thomas C. Keller } N<sup>o</sup>. 3067 In the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity.

Amanda C. Keller sothrus } R. G. Fitzhugh Clerk

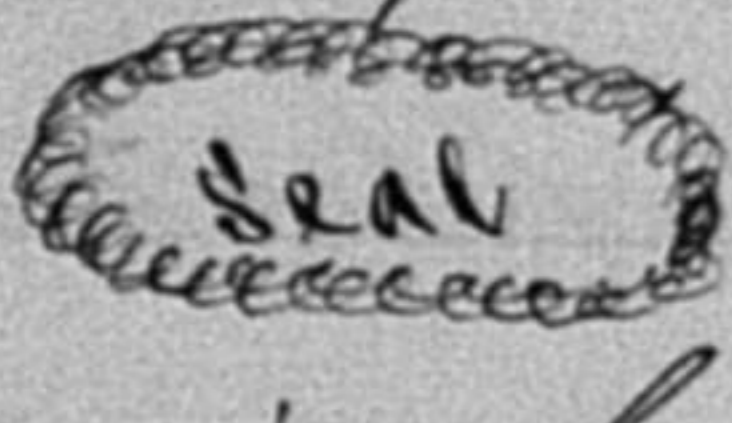
Amanda C. Keller, Mary Jane Keller and Charlotte Ann R. Keller

the infant defendants in the above case, having been duly returned summoned, you will issue a Commission to W<sup>m</sup>. Mahony Esq. to appoint a guardian for said infant defendants and to take their answers by said guardian.

G. Eichellberger, Sol for Complainant Jan'y 3<sup>d</sup> 1863.

Commission

Maryland, Sct. - The State of Maryland, To William Mahony Esq. of Frederick County.



Greeting. - Whereas Thomas C. Keller has lately exhibited his bill of Complaint, before me in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, against Amanda C. Keller, Mary Jane Keller and Charlotte A. R. Keller - 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 forasmuch as the said Amanda C. Keller, Mary J. Keller and Charlotte A. R. Keller are infants under age, and cannot answer the said bill of Complaint nor defend this Suit, without having a guardian in that 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 answers 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's corporal oath upon the Holy Evangel'y, 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 20th day of October Anno Domini 1862. - Issued the 3<sup>d</sup> day of January 1863.

q. e. Test R. G. Fitzhugh Clerk

The joint and several answers of Amanda C. Keller, Mary Jane Keller and Charlotte A. R. Keller, infants under the age of twenty one years, by Henry Keller, their guardian, to the bill of Complaint of Thomas C. Keller filed against these defendants in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity. These defendants, answering by their said guardian, say they admit all the facts alleged in said bill of Complaint and are willing a decree shall pass as therein prayed and they do not elect to take said real estate under the act and to direct descents,

Henry Keller