

having been duly summoned.

G. Eichelberger
Sol. for Complainants

Com^{rs}

Maryland, Oct.

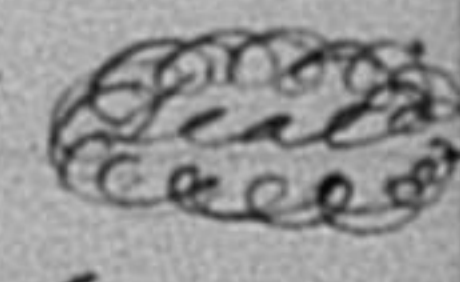
The State of Maryland, to William Mahony Esq. of Frederick County, Greeting. Whereas Charles E. Trail and Ariana Trail his wife have lately exhibited their Bill of Complaint before me in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, against Philip Stone, John Baker et al - and 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 John Baker 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 - 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 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 defendant if they cannot conveniently come to you, and assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infant, and take the answers of the said infant by such guardian, to the said Bill of Complaint on such guardian's corporal oath upon the Holy Evangelies, 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 1862. Issued the 7th day of July 1862.

G. E.

Test J. G. Fitzhugh Clerk

To the Honorable Madison 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 Seventh day of July A.D. 1862, proceed to the Office of Grayson Eichelberger Esq. in the City of Frederick where John Baker, the infant named in said Commission then was and caused the said infant to be brought before me, and then and there, in the presence of the said infant, assigned and appointed Ezra Baker his father of Frederick County, guardian to said infant, and took the answer of the said infant by his guardian, and under the oath of the 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 Seventh day of July in the year Eighteen hundred and sixty two.

W. Mahony Com. 

The answer of John Baker, an infant under the age of twenty one years by Ezra Baker his guardian, to the bill of Complaint of Charles E. Trail and wife, against him in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity, exhibited.

This defendant cannot admit any of the matters and things alleged in said bill, and being an infant of tender years submits his rights to the protection of this Court.

Ezra Baker Guard^{ian} of John Baker