—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 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 Sixth day of July Anno Domini 1863.— Issued the 15th day of July 1863.

W. J. & C. W. Ross

Test B. G. Fitzhugh Clerk

Return

No 3098 Equity. To the Hon. 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 15th day of July A.D 1863, assign and appoint Robert G. McPherson of Frederick County, Guardian to the infants named in the said Commission, and took the answers 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 answers, with said Commission are herewith returned, closed under my hand and seal this 15th day of July A.D 1863—

Jos. W. L. Early, Comr. (Seal)

The answers of Ellen Hamilton and Lucretia Hamilton, infants under the age of twenty one years, by Robert G. McPherson, their Guardian to the Bill of Complaint of John Hamilton and Elizabeth Hamilton his wife against them, in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, exhibited,

These defendants cannot admit any of the matters & things alleged in the said bill, and being infants of tender years submit their rights to the protection of this Court.

R. G. McPherson

On this 15th day of July A.D 1863, the above named Robert G. McPherson, appeared before me the Commissioner, and made oath that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answers are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Jos. W. L. Early Comr. (Seal)

General Replication

John Hamilton and others vs Ellen & Lucretia Hamilton } No 3098 Equity In the Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity

To B. G. Fitzhugh Clerk.

Enter a general replication to the answers of the infant defendants,

W. J. & C. W. Ross

Order to issue Comn. to take testimony

John Hamilton and others vs Ellen & Lucretia Hamilton } No 3098 Equity— In the Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity.

To B. G. Fitzhugh Clerk.

You are hereby authorised to issue a commission to Wm. B. Nelson Esq. to take testimony in this cause. Wm. J. & C. W. Ross

Solrs for Complts

Commission

Maryland Sc.— The State of Maryland, to William B. Nelson and Robert Wilson Esquires (Seal) of Frederick County, Greeting.— Be it known, That you are appointed Commissioners to examine Evidences in a cause depending in the Circuit Court for Frederick County as a Court of Equity, between John Hamilton and Elizabeth E. Hamilton his wife and others Complainants and Ellen Hamilton and Lucretia Hamilton defendants, You are therefore required, having—