Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, against Catharine, James C. Charles L. Martha E. Sarah J. Kate E. and Josephine E. Delander, 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 James C. Charles L. Martha E. Sarah J. and Josephine E. Delander are infants 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 infants and to take the answer 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 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 Evangely, 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 close up under your seal, together with your certificate of your having assigned & appointed such guardian as aforesaid, and this writ, unto me in said Court.

Witness the Hon. Madison Nelson, Judge of said Court, the ninth day of February A.D 1863.

Issued the 28th day of February 1863. Test R. G. Fitzhugh Clerk

No. 3037 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 28th day of February A.D 1863 assign and appoint Joseph W. L. Carty of Frederick County Guardian to the infants named in the said Commission, and took the answer of 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 are herewith returned, Closed under my hand and Seal this 28th day of February 1863.

R. G. McPherson (Seal)

The answer of James C. Delander, Charles L. Delander, Martha E. Delander, Sarah J. Delander, Kate E. Delander and Josephine E. Delander, infants under the age of twenty one years by Joseph W. L. Carty their guardian to the bill of complaint of Elias Delander 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 rights to the protection of this Court.

Jos. W. L. Carty

On this 28th day of February A.D. 1863. the above named Joseph W. L. Carty appeared before me the Commissioner, and made oath that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

R. G. McPherson (Seal)

Interlocutory Decree

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The defendants having been duly summoned to appear to the bill of complaint and having appeared to said bill of complaint but failing to file their answers =