Be it remembered that heretofore to wit; on the 24th day of December 1862, Came the said Valerius Ebert & others in Court here sitting by James W. Sherry Solicitor and filed in Court here the following Bill and Exhibits—

Bill

To the Hon. Madison Nelson, Circuit Judge for the third Judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland, sitting in the Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity.

The bill of complaint of Valerius Ebert, Benjamin Ebert and John Ebert of Frederick City, Frederick County State of Maryland, humbly shows to your Honor, that a certain John C. Ritchie, late of Frederick County dec'd. by his last will and testament, bearing date the 9th day of November 1849. duly admitted to probate and recorded in the Office of the Register of Wills of Frederick County, among other requests and devises, did bequeath to his wife, Barbara Ritchie during her natural life only, all the interest, dividends, rents and profits, of all his estate (except a certain house and lot devised to a Servant hereinafter set forth) with the privilege of occupying the real estate, or renting the same &c. as set forth in said will, and did direct certain bequests to be paid to the legatees therein named after the death of his said wife, among others a device of the house and lot in Patrick Street Frederick, then occupied as his residence, to his "wife's niece Catharine Hanshew and her heirs as tenants in common—" they to have share and share alike in the division of said property," and did devise and bequeath all the rest and residue of his estate, real, personal and mixed, to his thereinafter named Executor, to be by him sold, and the proceeds of the sale or sales, after deducting all expenses, he gave and bequeathed as follows, one fourth to be equally divided between the heirs of his deceased Sister Maria B. Ritchie heretofore named in the will, one fourth to be equally divided between the heirs of his deceased Sister Rebecca Ebert, heretofore also named in his will; one fourth to Catharine Hanshew and her heirs and one fourth equally between his half Sister Catharine Thomas and her heirs, and his half Sister Susanna Buckey and her heirs, and did constitute and appoint Dr. Albert Ritchie, his Executor to do the same.

In the said will, the said testator did manumit his Servant man, Henry Jones to take effect thirty days after the death of the said Barbara wife of the testator, and as a future reward for his fidelity and good behaviour gave and bequeathed to him the house he the said Jones occupied in South Street Bentz's Addition to Frederick, and the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars in money to be paid ninety days after the death of the said Barbara, all of which will more full appear by reference to the said last will and testament a true and certified copy of which marked "A" is herewith filed, which prayed to be taken, together with all other exhibits filed herewith, as parts of this bill of complaint, as if specially set forth in words and figures,

And your petitioner I State that the said John C. Ritchie departed this life on or about the 13th day of November 1849. and that the said Dr. Albert Ritchie obtained letters testamentary on the said last will and testament, as will appear by reference to "Exhibit B," a duly certified copy thereof, and proceeded to administer said estate,

And your petitioners further State, that during the lifetime of the said Barbara, widow of the said John C. Ritchie, the said Albert Ritchie Executor aforesaid in whom was vested the legal title of the said real and personal estate, devised and bequeathed to the said widow for life, departed this life, to wit—on the 16th day of January in the year 1858, leaving as his heir at common law John Ritchie, That upon the death of the said Albert Ritchie letters of administration D.B.N. with the will annexed, on the personal estate of the said John C. Ritchie dec'd were granted to your-