

two of the defendants to the Bill of Complaint in this case, in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity Exhibited.

These defendants having no interest in the final result of this case, are willing to admit the several matters and things charged in the Complainants bill to be true and they are willing to submit to such decree in the premises as to the Court may seem just and Equitable; and these defendants pray to be hence discharged with their reasonable costs, charges &c.

Ans. Sifford

Henry Sifford

Answer of Stephen R. Bowler

The separate answer of Stephen R. Bowler, defendant to the bill of Complaint of Fisher, Boyd and les filed against this defendants and others in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting in Equity.

This defendant for answer says he admits all the facts alleged in said bill and submits this case to the Court for its adjudication and prays to be hence discharged with his reasonable costs &c.

S. Eckelinger

Sol for defendant

Order to issue Commission to take testimony

Armenah P. Fisher Et al

Alexander A. Cook Et al

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting in Equity. No 2938 Equity. July Term 1861.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County will issue a Commission to W. Hobbs and Wm. Nelson Esqrs to take testimony on part of the Complainants.

W. Nelson

Commission

Maryland Act:-

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Delegates of the State of Maryland 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 Armenah P. Fisher, John L. Boyd and Henry W. Hendree Complainants, and Alexander A. Cook, John Sifford, Henry Sifford and Stephen R. Bowler defendants. You are therefore required, having first taken the oath hereunto annexed, and also administered the annexed oath to the person whom you shall appoint as Clerk to attend the execution of this Commission, that at such time and place as to you shall seem convenient, you cause to come before you all such evidences as shall be named and produced to you by either the Complainants or defendants, and that you examine them on their corporal oaths, to be by you administered upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, touching their knowledge or remembrance of any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid, and that you cause notice to be given to the parties or their attorneys, of the execution of the Commission, before you execute the same, and having reduced the depositions of the witnesses, so taken by you, into writing, you send the same, with this Commission, closed under your hand and seal, into the Court as a Court of Equity, with all convenient speed.

Witness the Honorable Madison Nelson Judge of our said Court. first day of July Anno Domini 1861. Sealed the 27 day of July 1861.

J. H. Sifford Clerk

Commissioner's Oath

You shall according to the best of your skill and knowledge, truly, faithfully, and without partiality to any or either of the parties, take the examinations and depositions of all and every witnesses and witnesses produced and examined by virtue of the Commission herunto annexed, upon the interrogatories now, or which may hereafter, before the said Commission as closed, be produced to and left with you, by either of said parties.

Clerk's Oath

You shall truly, faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the parties on this cause, take

Interrogatories

Notice to B. S. Johnson

Notice to John Sifford and others