

to appoint Guardian to take the answers of the infant defendants Ellen Emma Jane M. Clair and Mary Ellen M. Clair in this cause. ~
H. J. & Chas. W. Ross
Solicitors for Complainant

Maryland Act

The State of Maryland to Robert L. McPherson of Frederick County, Circuit Judge, whereas Miriam M. Clair and Barbara M. Clair his wife and others have lately exhibited their Bill of Complaint before me in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, against Ellen Emma Jane M. Clair and Mary Ellen M. Clair - 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 Ellen Emma Jane M. Clair and Mary Ellen M. Clair are infants under age, and cannot answer the said bill of Complaint nor defend this suit, without having a Guardian assigned in their behalf. ~ Now therefore, that I have given unto you full power and authority in pursuance of the special order in said Bill, to assign and appoint a Guardian for the aforesaid infants, and to take the answers 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 as such Guardian's Oath and upon the Holy Evangelists, 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 Hon. Madison Nelson, Judge of said Court, the fourth day of July Anno Domini 1844
James the 26th day of October 1844. ~

J. W. G. Clark Clerk

No 3159 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 26th day of October A. D. 1844 assign and appoint Thomas W. Holburner of Frederick County Guardian to the infants named in the said Commission, and took the answer 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 answer, with said Commission is herewith returned, closed under my hand and seal this 26th day of October A. D. 1844,
R. L. McPherson Comr.

The answer of Ellen Emma Jane M. Clair and Mary Ellen M. Clair infants under the age of twenty one years by Thomas W. Holburner, their Guardian to the bill of Complaint of Miriam M. Clair and Barbara M. Clair his wife and others 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,
Thos. W. Holburner

On this 26th day of October A. D. 1844 the above named Thomas W. Holburner 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. L. McPherson Comr.