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The State of Maryland To Robert G. McPherson Esq: of Frederick County, Greeting
Whereas Henry Nelson Executor of Sarah Nelson has lately exhibited his bill of Complaint be-
fore me in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, against John
Cortman, Laura S. Beard, Samuel P. Beard, James A. Beard, Samuel Haines and Andrew Haines
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
of Complaint but for as much as the said Laura S. Samuel P. James and Andrew are infants
under age, and cannot answer the said bill of Complaint nor defend this suit, without hav-
ing a guardian assigned in that behalf & know ye, therefore, that I have given unto full power
and authority in pursuance of the special order in said Court, to assign and appoint a guar-
dian 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 and such guar-
dian's corporal oath upon the Holy Evangelists, to be administered by you, the said answers being
distinctly and plainly wrote, and when you shall have the said answers, you are to send the
same closed up and 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 our said Court, the 13th day of February A. D. 1865. &
Given the 30th day of June 1865. &

J. W. L. Corty Clerk

No 3321 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 aforesaid Commission hereby
Certifies that in execution of the powers thereby vested in me, I did on the 30th day of June
A. D. 1865 assign and appoint Joseph W. L. Corty 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 Com-
mission mentioned, which said answer with said Commission is herewith returned, closed under
my hand and seal this 30th day of June A. D. 1865. &

R. G. McPherson Esq

The answer of Laura S. Beard, Samuel P. Beard, James A. Beard, Samuel Haines &
Andrew Haines, infants under the age of twenty one years by Joseph W. L. Corty their Guardian to
the bill of Complaint of Henry Nelson Executor of Sarah Nelson, 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. &

J. W. L. Corty Clerk

On this 30th day of June A. D. 1865, the above named Joseph W. L. Corty 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 Esq

Enclosed - The Execution of the within Commission will appear from the
papers enclosed. &

R. G. McPherson Esq