in pursuance of the special order in said Court, to assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infant, and to take the answer of the said infant 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 infant, and to take the answer of the said infant 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 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 Honorable Madison Nelson Judge of said Court, the Seventh day of January Anno Domini 1867. ~

(G C) Test — Jos H L Carty Clerk

To the. No 3317 Equity ~

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 25th day of January A.D. 1867. assign and appoint Jos. H L Carty of Frederick County, Guardian to the infant named in the said Commission, and took the answer of the said infant by her 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 hereunto returned, closed under my hand and seal this 25th day of January A.D 1867 ~

R G McPherson (Seal)
Com.

The answer of Anna Mary Griffith an infant under the age of twenty one years by Joseph H. L Carty her Guardian to the Bill of Complaint of Samuel H. Plummer and others against her in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity, exhibited ~ This Defendant cannot admit any of the matters and things alleged in the said Bill, and being an infant of tender years, submits her rights to the protection of this Court. ~

Jos H L Carty

On this 25th day of January A.D. 1867 the above named Joseph H 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)
Com.

Filed January 26th 1867 ~

Endorsed ~ The execution of the within Commission will appear from the papers enclosed. ~

R G McPherson (Seal)
Com.

Answer of Lyde & Louisa Griffith

The joint and several answer of Lyde & Louisa Griffith to the Bill of Complaint of Samuel H. Plummer and others filed against these Defendants and others in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting in Equity ~ These defendants for answer say they admit all the facts alleged in said Bill of Complaint and are willing a Decree shall pass as therein prayed ~

Lyde Griffith
Louisa Griffith

Filed Feby. 11th 1867 ~

Replication

The Replication of Samuel H Plummer and Mary E Plummer, Complainants to the answer of Anna Mary Griffith, Defendant. ~ These Repliants saving and reserving to themselves all and all manner of advantage of Exception which may be had and taken to the manifold errors uncertainties and insufficiencies of the answer of the said Defendant, for replication thereto say, that they do and will aver, maintain and prove their said Bill to be true, certain and sufficient in the law to be answered unto by the said