

reports were 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 petition in said Commission mentioned, which said answer with said Commission is herewith returned, closed under my hand and seal this 6th day of December A.D. 1864.

R. J. McPherson

The answers of Jacob S. Cover, Margaret A. Cover, Lewis S. Cover, James D. Cover, William S. Cover, Matilda S. Cover and Isaac Cover, infants under the age of twenty one years by Thomas M. McElbrower, their Guardian, to the petition of John Cover of S. for annulment of said Court of Equity, exhibited against them in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity, exhibited. These defendants cannot admit any of the matters & things alleged in the said petition, and being infants of tender years submit their rights to the protection of this Court.

Thos. M. McElbrower

On this 6th day of December Anno Domini 1864 the above named Thomas M. McElbrower 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. J. McPherson

Ordered ~ The execution of the within Commission will appear by the papers enclosed.

R. J. McPherson

Genl. Replication

John Cover of S. for annulment

No 3191 Equity

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County

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The Clerk will please file general replication to infants

Thos. J. Nelson

Att. for Complainant

Order for a Commission

John Cover of S. for annulment

No 3191 Equity

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The Clerk will please issue Commission to regular Commissioners to take testimony in above cause

Thos. J. Nelson Att. for petitioner

Commission

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The State of Maryland I William J. Nelson & Robert Nelson Esq of Frederick Co. greeting. Be it known that you are appointed Commissioners to examine evidence and cause depending in the Circuit Court for Frederick County as a Court of Equity, between John Cover of S. for annulment & Jacob S. Cover & al defendants. You are therefore required, having first taken the oath hereunto annexed & also administered the annexed oath to the persons whom you shall appoint as Clerk to attend the Execution of this Commission, that at such time & place as to you shall seem convenient, you cause to come before you all such Evidence as shall be named and produced to you by either the petitioner 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 anything that may relate to the cause aforesaid, and that your 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 Hon. Madison Nelson, Judge of our said Court, 17th day of October Anno Domini 1864. Issued the 12 day of Decr. 1864. J. & N.

No 3191 Equity

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County

Jacob Cover & al

Interrogatories to be propounded to the witnesses produced upon the fact of Complainant in the above entitled cause

Interrogatories

John Cover of S. for annulment