Besant et al } No 2789 Eq
vs } In Circuit Court for Frederick
Nichols } County sitting in Equity

The Clerk please issue Commission to G K Shellman Esq to appoint Guardian & take answer for infants
Bradley T Johnson Solr for Complt

Maryland Sc

(Seal) The State of Maryland to George K Shellman Esq of Frederick County Greeting. Whereas James H Besant et al have lately exhibited their Bill of Complaint before me in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity against Charles L Nichols John Nichols & Wm F Nichols 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 John Nichols & Wm F Nichols are infants under age and cannot answer the said Bill of Complaint now defendg this suit without having a guardian assigned in that behalf Know Ye therefore that I have given unto you full power and authority in pursuance of the special order in said Court to assign and appoint a Guardian for the aforesaid infants and to take the answer 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 go to the said defendants if they cannot conveniently come to you and 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 on such corporal oath upon the Holy Evangels to be administered by you the said answers being distinctly and plainly wrote and when you shall have so 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 into one in said Court Witness the Honorable Madison Nelson Judge of said Court the fifth day of July Anno Domini 1858 Issued the 14th day of September 1858
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R G Fitzhugh Clerk