

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 amount of the said infants by such guardian to the said Bill of Complaint on such guardian's solemn oath upon the Holy Evangelists to be administered by you the said answer being distinctly and plainly wrote and when you shall have so taken the said answer 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 sent unto me in said Court & Witness the Honorable Madison Nelson Judge of said Court the 7th day of July Anno Domini 1856 I send the 23<sup>d</sup> day of July 1856  
 Geo. R. Shellman Clerk

No 2676 Equity  
 To the Hon. Madison Nelson Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity the Subscr. being the Commissioner named in the annexed Commission hereby certifies that in execution of the power therein vested in me I did on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of July A D 1856 assign and appoint William G. Cole of Frederick County guardian to the infants named in the said Commission and took the amount 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1856  
 Geo. R. Shellman Clerk

The answers of John D. Watts George H. Watts Susan B. Watts William A. Watts Laura D. Watts Wm. Alfred D. Watts infants under the age of twenty one years by William G. Cole their guardian to the bill of Complaint of Michael D. Hoyt 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  
 Wm. G. Cole

On this 23<sup>d</sup> day of July A D 1856 the abovesaid William G. Cole appeared before me Commissioner and made oath that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge & belief  
 Geo. R. Shellman

Wm. G. Cole }  
 Geo. R. Shellman }  
 In the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity No 2676  
 Geo. R. Shellman please issue to George R. Shellman a Commission to appoint guardian ad litem to answer for the infants in this cause  
 C. Lewis, Law Sol for Compts