the originals of which the first paper last above mentioned are Copies at the request of Peregrine Pitzhugh. The Mortgage to Sophia Pitzhugh and Sarah Margaret Pitzhugh existing at the date of the Conveyance to Jacob M. Kunkel of the 25th of November 1856 being paid by payments made by Peregrine Pitzhugh, Peregrine Pitzhugh called on me & stated he desired that the Mortgage he the second should represent the true amount due by Sophia Pitzhugh and Sarah Margaret Pitzhugh he then stated that in pursuance of an express agreement with his Mother Sophia Pitzhugh and his wife Sarah Margaret Pitzhugh and to the best of my knowledge and recollection he stated with the knowledge & Consent of Jacob M. Kunkel that these Mortgages to his mother and wife existing anterior to the Conveyance to Jacob Kunkel of the 25th of November 1856 should be released and new Mortgages corresponding with the amounts actually due at that date should be executed to Sophia Pitzhugh and Sarah Margaret Pitzhugh in substitution of the then existing Mortgages held by his said Mother and wife. This Conversation did not relate to the Mortgage of the 9th of Oct 1856 accordingly at his request I prepared the release and the two Mortgages of the 6th of January 1857 above referred to. I directed Peregrine Pitzhugh that the release and new Mortgages should be executed and recorded on the same day. I sometime after the recording of the release and of the Mortgages of the 6th of January 1857 arrangements or negotiations were pending between Peregrine Pitzhugh on the one side and Jacob M. Kunkel on the other in reference to the dissolution of the firm of Pitzhugh & Kunkel at that time proposals were made by Peregrine Pitzhugh to Jacob M. Kunkel for the purchase of the property the terms proposed by said Pitzhugh to said Kunkel were not acceptable to said Kunkel. Kunkel then proposed that if the purchase money were secured by a Mortgage on all the property of the Catoctin Works and Sophia & Sarah Margaret Pitzhugh would unite in said Mortgage and also by the property held by Sarah Margaret Pitzhugh his wife in Baltimore City for his full indemnity on account of partnership debts and for the purchase money he would sell said property to Peregrine Pitzhugh and convey the same to him. Peregrine Pitzhugh declined this proposition on the ground that he desired not implicate his Mother or wife in the transaction. Sarah Margaret Pitzhugh is now and has been for many than 15 years the wife of Peregrine Pitzhugh as to her having a separate estate I have my knowledge further than from representations made to me from having seen the deed, and from money having been paid to me by Peregrine Pitzhugh her husband as of her separate estate.

Jacob M. Kunkel was to pay $35000 as the purchase money for the moiety of the Catoctin Iron Works and the real