

for report of an adequate bid all which was specially stated in the first report of the trustee filed in the above Cause that since the offer aforesaid of said land at public sale the said Squatier have striven to sell the same at private sale and in furtherance of that object have had large correspondence with many individuals who were apparently willing to purchase that all such negotiations proved to be fruitless and but one substantial offer was made which was subsequent to the offer hereafter reported that said land has not been advertised in the public prints for sale at private sale because of the expense of prolonged advertisement in that mode that in other modes knowledge was freely given to the public that said land was in market and that the trustee were ready and anxious to sell the same that James M. Schley one of the trustees and one of the heirs of said estate is willing to buy the residue of the farm mentioned in the proceedings in the above Cause known as Springfield containing two hundred and twenty seven acres except one fourth of an acre more or less for the gross sum of thirteen thousand dollars upon the terms prescribed by said decree except that instead of giving him notes for the deferred payments with a right of redemption he proposes to give his notes and secure the same by a transfer of his distributive share of said and other real estate sold and to be sold that said sale is to take effect as of October 1st 1861 and the deferred payments are to bear interest from that date this offer is the largest yet made except the like price offered as heretofore stated subsequent to the offer of said Schley and which said offer was then made in advance of a prior offer and as the maximum of said party our trustee is satisfied from the experience of the past three years in reference to a sale of this land that the above price is large as can be obtained for said land and that all hope of an advance thereon is vain in the present and prospective condition of the country not only as agent of this court but as here your trustee thinks the above price the best that can be had your trustee however was unwilling to accept said offer from his co-trustee without the previous sanction of this court upon full knowledge of the facts herein set forth your trustee therefore prays your Honor pass an order authorizing and empowering him to enter into the contract for sale heretofore expressed with the said James M. Schley upon the terms aforesaid. And as o.c.

George Schley

Washington County, Md.

On the 1st day of February 1862 before the undersigned Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for said County personally appeared the above named George Schley