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The State of Maryland, To William B. Nelson and Robert Wilson Esquires of Frederick County, Greeting:

Be it known, that you are appointed Commissioners, to examine Evidences in a cause depending in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, as a Court of Equity, between James Brunner Complainant and Mary Ann Hardt formerly Julia A. Allen et al Defendants, You are therefore required, having first taken the oath hereunto annexed, and also

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administered the annexed oath to the Person whom you shall appoint as Clerk to attend the execution of this Commission, that at such time and place as to you shall seem convenient, you cause to come before you all such Evidences as shall be named and produced to you by either the Complainants or defendants, and that you examine them on their corporal oaths, to be by you administered upon the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, touching their knowledge or remembrance of any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid; and that you cause notice to be given to the parties or their Attorneys, of the execution of the commission, before you execute the same; and this Commission, close under your hands and seals, into the Court as a Court of Equity, with all convenient speed. Witness, the Honorable Madison Nelson, Judge of our said Court, Seventh day of July Anno Domini 1862, Issued the 27th day of August 1862.

G. E.

R. G. Fitzhugh Clerk.

Commissioners Oath,

You shall according to the best of your skill and knowledge, truly, faithfully, and without partiality to any or either of the parties, take the examinations and depositions of all and every witness and witnesses produced and examined by virtue of the Commission hereunto annexed, upon the interrogatories and cross, which may hereafter, before the said commission is closed, be produced to and left with you, by either of said parties, So help you God.

Clerk's Oath.

You shall truly, faithfully, and without partiality to any or either of the parties in this cause, take, write down, and transcribe, the depositions of all and every the witness and witnesses, produced produced and examined by the Commissioners named in the commission hereunto annexed, as far forth as you are directed and employed by the said Commission to take, write down, and transcribe the said depositions, or any of them. So help you God.

James Brunner
vs
Mary Ann Hardt et al

No 3042. In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity
Interrogatories to be propounded to the witnesses to be produced on the part of the Complainant,

1st Interrogatory Are you or not acquainted with the parties to this suit? If you which of them & how long have you known them?

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2nd Interrogatory Were you or not acquainted with George Hardt? If so, is he living or dead, & if dead, when did he die? Did he die testate or intestate, State if you know the names and ages of the children & heirs at law of said George Hardt, and also whether he left a widow & if so, her name & age.

3rd Interrogatory Look at this paper here shown you marked Exhibit No 1. State if you know when & for what purpose & under what circumstances, said Note was executed — for what consideration was the sum of money therein specified due & owing to James Brunner?

Grayson Eichelberger, Solr. for Compt.

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At the execution of the annexed Commission issued out of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, and to me directed and empowering me to examine Witnesses in the cause depending in the said Court, between James Brunner, as Complainant, and Mary Ann Hardt, James A. & Julia A. Allen & others, as Defendants, I William B. Nelson, Commissioner therein named, on the 30th day of August 1862, at my office in Court House, Frederick City, Maryland, did proceed then and there in the presence of the Complainant to take the following depositions, to wit; William Lane, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the Complainant,