this 23rd day of December 1868, by the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting in Equity, ordered and adjudged that a Commission be issued by the Clerk of this Court to George W Frazier and John J Lemmon of the City of Washington, District of Columbia, authorizing them or either of them to appoint a guardian for William Lease, Charles Lease, Alice Lease, and Emma Lease, the infant defendants residing in said City and District, and take the answers of said infants by their said guardian, And it is further ordered — that the said Commissioners or the acting one of them shall authenticate the execution of said Commission, under their or his hand and seal, and shall execute and return the same, in the manner now practiced in making similar returns — in cases of infant defendants residing within the jurisdiction of this Court. ~

Filed Dec. 23rd 1868 ~ John A. Lynch

Comm. to Appt. Guardian

Maryland Sct:

The State of Maryland, To George W. Frazier and John J. Lemmon of Washington D.C., Greeting: Whereas George H. Lease and Catharine Lease, his wife and others have lately exhibited their Bill of Complaint before me in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, against William Lease, Charles Lease, Alice Lease, Emma Lease and others. — 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 William, Charles, Alice, and Emma are infants under age, residing in Washington, D.C., and cannot answer the said Bill of Complaint, nor defend this suit, without having a guardian assigned in that behalf — Know ye, therefore, that I have given unto you or either of 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 or either of you 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 guardian's corporal oath upon the Holy Evangels, to be administered by you or either of you the said answers being distinctly and plainly wrote; And when you shall have 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, unto me in said Court. ~ Witness the Honorable Madison Nelson, Judge of said Court, the 14th day of December Anno Domini 1868 ~ Issued the 28th day of December 1868

Filed January 6th 1869 ~ Test ~ Charles Mantz, Clerk

Answer of the Infant Defendants

No 3434 Equity

To The Honorable The Judges of the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity ~

The Subscriber being the Commissioner named in the annexed Commission, hereby certifies that in execution of the powers thereby vested in him, he did on the Thirty first day of December A.D. 1868, assign and appoint Eliza Lease of Washington City D.C. Guardian to the Infants named in the said Commission, and took the answer of said infants by their