

and John Dorsey Jones are adults, and said William Dorsey Jones and Edward Jones and Charles Jones, are infants. ~ And further answering, admits that Albert Jones has been appointed Administrator of the personal estate of said Francis S. Jones, and has qualified, and entered upon the discharge of his duties as such. ~

And further answering says, that she neither admits nor denies the correctness of the alleged claim of Complainant, having no sufficient information in regard to the same; and neither admits nor denies the allegation of the insufficiency of the personal estate of said Francis S. Jones to satisfy his creditors ~

That the said Albert Jones, Administrator as aforesaid, has not settled a final account of his Administration, and she has not at this time a correct knowledge of the extent of said personal estate, ~ And this Respondent further answering says that she admits that the said Francis S. Jones died seized and possessed of the lands and property set forth as owned by him and his

And further answering says and charges that as widow and relict of said Francis S. Jones, as aforesaid, she is entitled to dower in and out of all the said mentioned lands and property of which said Francis S. Jones, died seized and possessed as aforesaid, and declares that she is unwilling to relinquish her right of dower in the same, and refuses so to do, except as hereinafter stated. ~

And this Respondent shows and avers that it would be greatly to the interest and advantage of the said Children of the said Francis S. Jones, and especially to the one who is now Comptor, and to those who are infants, who cannot for some time come into possession of their property, to have said lands and property sold, unincumbered of her said dower ~ That she is advised, and so alleges, that even if the personal estate of said Francis S. Jones, be insufficient to pay his debts, that a considerable surplus will be left after selling said lands for that purpose, to which said infant and now Comptor, with the other heirs, will be entitled; so that if said lands suffer any diminution in price from being sold with the incumbrance of Respondent's dower, the loss will fall exclusively upon said heirs. ~ And this Respondent invokes on behalf of said now Comptor and infant heirs, incompetent to protect themselves, the special care of your Honorable Court in behalf of their interests. ~

And your Respondent further states that if possible, she wishes to avoid asserting her right to an assignment of dower in said property, when the same may be substantially secured without, because it would injuriously encumber said property and relatively impair the value of the remaining portions, in which said heirs could be interested. ~ It would moreover inflict upon her the expense and responsibility of the custody, repair and other charges incident to the property that would be set off to her, an outlay which she could ill afford to bear, especially as her thirds in the personality of said Francis S. Jones, will be lost to her entirely, if his estate be indebted to the extent alleged. ~

And this Respondent alleges that the interests of all concerned would be promoted by your Honors decreeing a sale of said lands by either of the two following plans, in condition of the adoption of either of which in substance, this Respondent does hereby consent to the sale of the same, free, clear and discharged of any and all claim of dower therein, though not otherwise; to wit: First, To decree a sale of said lands, free of dower, to be paid for in three equal payments; the last of which, which would be equivalent to Respondent's dower interest, being one third, to be made payable, say, in two years from day of sale, or on the death of Respondent, whichever should transpire first; from day of sale, the interest thereon to be made payable annually to Respondent as long as she should live ~ By this means a purchaser would buy at a fixed price, and certain value, according to the present Market value of the property, and have the inducements of a long credit, and on the other hand the heirs at law, and this Respondent would have the security of the entire land for their respective interests: Or, secondly, To sell said lands and property free of Respondent's dower, and direct one third of the proceeds of sale to be invested