

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 me, I did, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1869, assign and appoint William Nash Young, Esq of Frederick County, Guardian to the infants named in said Commission, and took the answer of said infants by their said Guardian, and under the Oath of said Guardian by me administered, to the Bill of Complaint in said Commission mentioned, which said answer, with said Commission, is herewith returned, closed under my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1869 ~

Chas. H. Baughen  
Commissioner

The Answer of John David West, Elizabeth Catharine West, Vandilew West and Sarah Jane West, infants under the age of twenty-one years, by William N Young their Guardian, to the Bill of Complaint of David Engle against them in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity exhibited. ~

These defendants cannot admit any of the matters and things alleged in the Bill, and being infants of tender years, submit their rights to the protection of this Court.

Wm Nash Young

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1869, the above named Wm N Young appeared before me, the Commissioner, and made oath that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer are true, to the best of his knowledge and belief. ~

Chas H. Baughen  
Commissioner

Genl. Replication

David Engle  
vs  
Christian Bowers wife  
John David West & others

No 3572 Equity  
In the Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity ~

To Charles Mantz Esq ~  
Enter General Replication to the Answer of the infant defendants filed in this cause.

Wm J. Ross  
Chas W Ross  
Sols. for Complainant

Filed Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 1869 ~

Corders issue Commission

David Engle  
vs  
Christian Bowers wife  
John David West & others

No 3572 Equity ~

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity. ~

To Charles Mantz Esq. Clerk

Issue Commission in the above cause to Francis Brougle and John C.R. Wood Esqs. to take testimony on the part of the Complainant. ~

Wm J. Ross  
Chas. W. Ross  
Sols. for Complainant

Filed Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1869 ~