

Commissioner Maryland Set:

The State of Maryland, To Francis Brouge and John E. R. Hood of Frederick County, Greeting.

Be it known, That you are appointed Commissioner, to examine Examined Evidence in a cause depending in the Circuit Court for Frederick County as a Court of Equity, between David Engle Complainant, and Christian Bowers and Wife, John David West and others Defendants. You are therefore required, Having first taken the Oath hereunto annexed, and also 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 Complainant or Defendants; and that you examine them on their Corporal Oaths, to be by you administered upon the Holy Evangelists 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 having reduced the depositions of the witnesses, so taken by you into writing, you send the same with this Commission, closed under your hand and seal, into the Court as a Court of Equity, with all convenient speed.

Witness the Honorable Madison Nelson, Chief Judge of our said Court, 13<sup>th</sup> day of December Anno Domini 1869.

Charles Meantz, Clerk

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Commissioner's 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 witnesses and witnesses produced and examined by virtue of the Commission hereunto annexed, upon the interrogatories now, or 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 to this cause, take, write down and transcribe, the depositions of all and every the witnesses and witnesses produced and examined by the Commissioner named in the Commission hereunto annexed, as far forth as you are directed and employed by the said Commissioner to take, write down and transcribe the said depositions or any of them, So help you God.

Filed January 29<sup>th</sup> 1870

Interrogatories

David Engle  
or  
Christian Bowers & Matilda Bowers & wife, John David West Elizabeth Catherine West & daughter West & Sarah Jane West. & D R E Lincoln Bowers



No 3512 Equity

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity.

Interrogatories to be proposed to witnesses to be produced on the part of the Complainant

1<sup>st</sup> Int. Are you or not acquainted with the parties to this suit, and each of them? If yes, how long have you known them and each of them?