claim of dower in and to the above mentioned land and premises & the same to be the right and estate of Lucie the said John R Stevens his heirs and assigns forever and she being by us privately examined apart from and out of the hearing of her said husband whether she did sign seal and deliver the same freely and willingly without concern and did also declare that she did the same willingly and freely and without being induced to do so by fear or threats of or ill usage by their said husbands or fear of his displeasure and of our own knowledge we are satisfied that the parties of the first part are the persons who are named and described as and professing to be the party in and to the said Deed or instrument of writing.

Acknowledged before and certified by
S H Orings
John S Laurence

State of Maryland Frederick County to wit:
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Original as recorded in Liber H.S No. 9 folio 626 &c, one of the Land Records of Frederick County.
(Seal) In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the Circuit Court for Fred. County this 16 day of Nov A.D 1874
Filed Nov. 13. 1874. Thomas Gorsuch Clerk.

"Exhibit S" Whereas the late James Emmitt (colored man) deceased died seized in fee simple of a Lot of Land containing four acres more or less adjoining lands of Jacob Hull & others and whereas there is no certainty of any other than Catharine Carter the wife of James Carter the subscribers hereto and whereas they have sold the said Lot to John R Stevens for the sum of Eighty dollars and are content for his safety to leave Thirty dollars of the said purchase money in his hands until it be ascertained whether there are other claims upon it or not upon his paying to them the sum of Fifty dollars in part of the purchase money agreed upon as aforesaid the receipt of which they do acknowledge this 24 day of July 1852
Witness
Levi T. Barnes
James his X mark Carter (Seal)
Catharine her X mark Carter (Seal)

"Endorsement" Recd Sept. 5. 1853 of John R Stevens the sum of Thirty dollars it being the balance on the within instrument of writing in full
Sept.
Levi T Barnes.
James his X mark Carter
Catharine her X mark Carter
Filed Nov. 13. 1874.

"Exhibit J. M S" State of Maryland Frederick County SS.
The undersigned Joanna M Stevens of Frederick County in the State of Maryland widow of John R Stevens deceased hereby consents to a sale of so much of the Real Estate of which the said John R Stevens deceased died seized and possessed and which is now owned by his infant heirs Georgia R Stevens and Emma R Stevens as tenants in common subject to the