

Upon the foregoing Petition and affidavit it is ordered by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, in Equity that, the said defendants or Frederick J Nelson Esq. their Solicitor - produce before the said Commissioner Wm B Nelson Esq. said paper Writing, mentioned in the Petition to be used as evidence in said cause to show <sup>in fact</sup> cause to the contrary, on or before the third day of September next, provide a copy of this Petition and for to order be served on the said Basil Wood & Charlotte C Wood his wife or Frederick J Nelson their Solicitor by the Sheriff of Frederick County, on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August.

Filed Aug. 30. 1877.

John A Lynch  
Judge of the Cir Court.

No 4183 Equity.

Answer of  
Fred J Nelson  
to Petition

In the matter of the Petition  
of John Hardt & Herman  
Kefer trading &c as Hardt &  
Kefer

No 4183 Equity.  
In the Circuit Court  
for Frederick County.

The Answer of Frederick J Nelson  
Solicitor for Basil Wood & Charlotte C Wood his wife to the petition of  
Hardt & Kefer: - For cause why the Court should not pass  
an order herein as prayed this respondent says,  
1<sup>st</sup> That there is no sufficient description of the instrument of Writing  
Sought to be obtained contained in said petition or in the notice hereto  
before served on this respondent.  
2<sup>nd</sup> That all papers now in his possession belonging to the said  
Basil Wood or Charlotte C his wife in any manner referring to the  
real estate in dispute in this cause were entrusted to him by  
said Basil & Charlotte C his clients and that he holds the same as  
the Solicitor for said parties  
3<sup>rd</sup> That there is now power in the Court to compel the production  
of any paper in the possession of this respondent in the demand  
Sought by said Petition.  
4<sup>th</sup> That the prayer of said petition is without precedent in  
the practice of Maryland.  
5<sup>th</sup> That the proceeding by petition is irregular and not warranted  
by law

Fred J Nelson  
Sol for Woods

6<sup>th</sup> That the paper supposed to be referred to is in the legal  
custody of the Circuit Court for Carroll County being an exhibit  
in a cause on the Equity Docket of said Court.  
Filed Sept 3. 1877.

F. J. N.  
Sol &c

No 4183 Equity.

Court's Order  
referring  
Petition to  
Commissioner  
to take  
testimony

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, as a Court of Equity,  
It is ordered by the said Court this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1877  
that the petition filed in this cause on August 30<sup>th</sup> 1877 and the  
answer thereto and other proceedings under said petition be annul