

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 witness, so taken by you into writing, you send the same, with this Commission, closed under your hand and seal into this Court as a Court of Equity, with all convenient speed.

Witness, the Honorable Richard J. Bowie, Chief Judge of our said Court 20th. day of September Anno Domini, 1875.

Issued the 12th. day of November 1875.

Thomas Gorsuch, Clerk.

*Testimony* At the execution of the annexed Commission issued out of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, in Equity, and to me directed & empowering me to examine evidences in the cause therein depending, in the matter of exceptions to sales of Samuel Putnam, Assignee of Jacob Hahn's mortgage of Catherine Gondou and John Gondou husband, & William B. Nelson, Commissioners therein named, did on the 19th day of November A. D. 1875, at my office in Frederick City, Maryland, and in the absence of John E. R. Wood, Commissioner, then and there, due notice having been given to the exceptants, in the presence of the Solicitors of the Exceptants and Respondents, proceed to take the following testimony.

The Respondents filed ~~with~~ the Commission as evidence "Exhibits A" & Men of Sales, which are herewith returned by the said Commissioner.

Samuel Putnam, a witness of lawful age, produced upon the part of the Respondent, being duly sworn and examined to Interrogatories filed with the Commission by the Respondent and therewith returned, deposes and says, to the 1st Int. What is your name, age, place of residence and occupation?

Ans. Samuel Putnam, aged 58 years, I am a farmer and reside in Woodsboro District, Frederick County, Maryland.

2<sup>d</sup> Int: Do you know the parties to this proceeding? And if yes, how long have you known them respectively?

Ans. I have known them some three years (3) I guess.

3<sup>d</sup> Int: Are you, or not, the same Samuel Putnam who made and reported the sale of real estate in this case filed in the cause, Aug. 10th. 1875?

Ans: Yes, I am.

4<sup>th</sup> Int. Now look at the paper now shown you marked Exhibit A, and say whether or not you are the same Samuel Putnam mentioned in the first assignment or said

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