

No. 4729 Equity.

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 John Ritchie Chief Judge of our said Court twentieth day of December Anno Domini, 1881.

Issued the twentieth day of December, 1881.

(Lsg)

Adolphus Fearhake Jr. Clerk.

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 witness and witnesses produced and examined by virtue of the Commission herunto annexed, upon 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 witness and witnesses produced and examined by the Commissioner named in the Commission herunto annexed, as far forth as you are directed and employed by the said Commissioner to take, write down, and transcribe the said deposition, or any of them. So help you God.

At the execution of the annexed Commission issued out of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting in Equity, and to me directed, & empowering me to examine Evidence in the Cause therein depending, between Mary C. Black, Administratrix of Abraham Adam Black, deceased, as Complainant, and Augustin Short, as Defendant, & William B. Nelson, one of the Commissioners therein named, did on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1881, at my office, in Frederick City, Maryland, then and there, in the presence of the Solicitor for the Complainant, proceed to take the following testimony, to wit:

The Complainant filed with the Commissioner as Evidence "Exhibits Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4" which are herewith returned by said Commissioner:

Hamilton Geisbert, a witness of lawful age produced upon the part of the Complainant, being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Complainant & herewith returned, deposes and says, to the

1st Int: I am, and have known them for some years.

2d Int: I look at "Exhibit No. 2," now here shown me: Augustin Short's signature. I have seen him write and am acquainted with his hand-writing. The signatures "Augustin Short," "Augustin Short" & "Augustin Short" attached to the note and the two single Bills, are in the proper hand-writing of said Augustin Short.

3d Int: I have heard Augustin Short say that he bought the property described in Exhibit No. 1, from Abraham Adam Black, at forty dollars (40¢) per acre.

4th Int: He died on the 14th of January, 1881, in Frederick County, Maryland.

Testimony