No. 9760. Equity,

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To the Honorable the Judges of said Court,

The Prtition of Thomas P. Rice, Plaintiff in this Cause, respectfully shows unto your Honors,

That the Defendant was duly summoned to appear, to the Bill of Complaint in the above entitled cause, which said summons was returned on the First monday of April A,D,1918, and that the said defendant has failed to appear, either in person or by Solicitor. or to file and answer in said Cause, although the time has expired under the rules of your Honorable Court, for such appearance and answer, Therefore your Petitioner prays your Honorable Court to pass a decree, that the said Bill May betaken Pro-confesso, against the Above named defendant, and that the papers in said Cause be referred to one of the Standing examiners of this Court, for the purpose of taking testimony in said cause, and for such other and further relief as the nature of the case may require,

And as in duty Bound, etc,,

Reno S, Harp,

Solicitor for Complainant.

The Defendant Mary Jackson having been duly summoned, to appear to the Bill of Complaint, in the above entitled cause. and having failed to appear, it is thereupon this 27th day of April A,D, 1918, by the Circuit for Frederick County, and by the authority, thereof, adjudged, Ordered and decreed that the Complaint is entitled to relief, in the premises and that the Bill of Complaint, be and the same, is hereby taken Pro Confesso against said defendant, but it doth not certainly appear, to what relief, the Plaintiff is entitled, it is further Ordered, and adjudged that the papers in said cause, be and they are hereby referred to one of the standing Examiners of this Court, for the purpose of taking testimony, in said Cause,

Glenn H. Worthington

Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County,

Thomas P. Rice	(	No, 9760 Equity,
vs,	)	In the Circuit Court for Frderick
Nicholas F. Rickerds Et al.,	(	County, In Equity,

To The Honorable The judges of said Court.

Pursuant to the, annexed order of Your Honorable Court, and at the request of of the Solicitor for the plaintiff of a deire to take testimony in said cause I. D.Princeton Buckey one of the Standing Examiners of this Court, duly appointed and sworn, and qualified, met at my law office in Frederick City, Maryland, on Wednesday May 1st, 1918, at the hour of 11 O'clock A,M, and then and there proceeded to take the following depositions,

That is to say,

Present Reno S, Harp.

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Solicitor for Plaintiff,

And the witnesses,

Thomas P, Rice, a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Plaintiff, having first been duly Sworn deposes and says,

My name is Thomas P, Rice, I reside in Frederick City, Md, and am one of the Plaintiffs, to this suit, I knew Emma V, Rickerds, in her life - time. she is dead she died December 26th, 1917, and left surviving her a widower Nicholas F. Rickards, aged about 75 years an adult daughter Mary Jackson. whose husband is George Jackson, he is also an adult, a son John E Fox, aged about 15years, a son ernest M. Fox, aged 12 years, a son Raymond. Fox, aged 10 years, These are children of a former marriage, to Charles E. Fox, who died about 10 years of age, a daughter Nellie V, Ricks