

tendered by him to the supplemental bill, if received; and that if that answer was received the case should stand for hearing; and a general replication be filed to that answer also. On the next day the plaintiffs' solicitor endorsed the proffered answer of Helms as follows: "the complainants allow the within answer to be admitted into this cause, and the register is requested to enter, in behalf of the complainants, the general replication to it."

The answer of Lewis Helms thus introduced, admitted the facts and circumstances of the will, the partnership, and other matter charged in the bill as against the defendants Franciscus and Sadtler, and then stated that he found the plaintiff Anna resided in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, keeping a small store, and reputed to be a widow, having an only son, Frederick A. Wandelohr, and as such he married her on the 12th of October, 1819; but he was deceived; for soon after his marriage he ascertained that she never had been married, and that she had also concealed from him the fact of her being then herself largely indebted; that within a few months after their marriage his wife solicited him to become surety for the payment of certain debts due from her son, and also from others to a large amount, which he refused; soon after which, she disposed of the most of their movables, and went to Baltimore; and on the 7th of February, 1820, having caused him to be invited to an interview at the house of John H. Rathean, where she and her confederates locked him in a room with them, and by great threats of personal violence, insisted on his releasing all rights to any property to which she was, or might be in any way, entitled, and to leave the country; but he refused, and made his escape unhurt. That his wife Anna, having got possession of his family papers, and clothes, refused to deliver them to him; that she defamed and slandered him much, by which his character suffered greatly in Baltimore. That a certain Jacob Merkle, who held his promissory note for the sum of \$61.28, at the instigation of the plaintiff Anna, sued him for payment, and he being unable to pay, was, at the
555 suit of Merkle, on the 6th of June, 1820, imprisoned in the *jail of Baltimore County, and so detained there until the 17th of July, 1821; that during his imprisonment his sufferings were various and extreme; because one Kugle had detained a trunk of his clothes, until he should be satisfied a small sum due to him, which he was unable to pay; because his wife refused to send him his clothes which she had in possession, and because he was utterly destitute and penniless; but that, at length, Merkle, being convinced by the statements made to him by this defendant, that his wife had deceived him; offered to release this defendant on his giving his promissory note for the principal and interest of the debt then due, with the fees, amounting to about \$100.30, which he gave, and was accordingly discharged from jail. That, having heard of the threats of his wife and her confederates; and that she