REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

OF KENT COUNTY, MD.

Chestertown, Md., December 4th, 1922

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for Kent County.

Gentlemen:—

In compliance with an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed January 1904, and in harmony with our appointment as Auditors for Kent County. We have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the County Commissioners Office, The Board of Education, The County Treasurer's Office. The Trustees of the Alms House and the Dog License Fund.

This audit deals chiefly with the Levy of 1921-1922, when a rate of $1.48 on the $100.00 was declared for county purposes.

This report also gives the Source of Revenue for Kent County for 1922-1923, as shown by the Books of the County Commissioners Dec. 4th, 1922.

Respectfully,

WM. G. SMYTH,
H. CLAY BROWN,
J. RAYMOND SIMPERS,
County Auditors.

EXHIBIT NO. 1

Summary of Assessments for 1921 and 1922 on Books in County Commissioners Office.

Real and Personal	$12,353,168.49 @	$1.48	$182,826.89
Extra Real and Personal	11,155.00 @	1.48	165.09
Shares of Corporations	112,364.34 @	1.48	1,662.99
Bank Shares	333,775.55 @	1.00	3,337.75
Securities	669,200.00 @	.30	2,007.60
Trust Companies	44,471.94 @	1.00	444.71
Mutual Fire Ins. Co. of Kent Co.	58,820.00 @	.30	176.46
Ordinary Business Corporations	116,860.23 @	1.48	1,729.53
			$192,351.02
Ex. Ordinary Business Corporations	$6,577.47 @	1.48	97.35
			$192,448.37
Levy for 1921 and 1922 includes orders 1921-22			$137,154.20
Levy for 1921 and 1922 includes certificates 1920-21			62,058.20
			$199,212.36

EXHIBIT NO. 2.

A Statement In Detail Showing How and What Purpose the Levy of 1921 and 1922 Was Appropriated.

Paid by Orders Issued 1921 and 1922—		
Roads and Bridges 1st District	$4,935.78	
Roads and Bridges 2nd District	3,256.64	
Roads and Bridges 3rd District	3,067.37	
Roads and Bridges 4th District	1,298.34	
Roads and Birdges 5th District	5,222.12	
Roads and Bridges 6th District	2,655.82	
Roads and Bridges 7th District	2,396.93	
Roads and Bridges Miscellaneous	1,479.87	
		$24,312.87
Road Engineer's Salary		1,699.92
County Commissioners Salaries:		
George H. Cannan	$249.96	
Nicholas V. Waters	499.92	
Arthur H. Brice	499.92	
Jesses H. Usilton	249.96	
		1,499.76
Clerk of County Commissioners Salary, John Medders		1,140.00
Supervisor of State Tax Commission, Salary—		
Owen C. Smith	$749.97	
Thomas J. Davis	249.99	
		999.96
County Treasurer's Salary, Merrick Clements		1,999.92
Orphans' Court, Salary and Supplies		1,506.01
Contract Printing		1,149.99
Pensions		724.00
Water Rents		61.00
Miscellaneous		320.59
Treasurer of Kent County Tuberculosis Committee		1,125.00
Registration and Election		4,962.77
Charities		145.79
Inquisitions		200.00
Towns of Kent County as Applied to Roads—		
Betterton	$210.60	
Rock Hall	224.78	
Galena	141.00	
Millington	230.85	
Chestertown.	1,543.05	
		2,350.28
State's Attorney Salary		1,200.00
Janitor's Salary		300.00
County Commissioners Office Expense		400.06
Alms House		3,806.36
Towns of Kent County on Bank Shares and Corporations—		
Chestertown	$880.26	
Millington	73.25	
Rock Hall	18.03	
Betterton	15.38	
Galena	6.38	
		993.30
Schools		81,626.08
Hospitals		1,976.08
Health Office and Jail Physician		801.20
County Demonstrator and Domestic Science		1,853.28
		$137,154.20

Paid by Certificate Issued 1920 and 1921.

Circuit Court	$3,770.96
Witnesses and Constables Oct. 1920 and April 1921	866.27
Magistrates and Constables	816.63
Court House and Jail	8,421.39
Kent and Queen Anne's Counties Joint Account	1,079.34
Auditing Committee Salaries and Expense	412.39
Refund Taxes in Error	136.47
Miscellaneous	622.00
Wharves and Landings	4.43
Treasurer's Office Expense	469.41
Assessments, Local, Special	602.78
Hospitals	1,576.38
Registrations and Elections	3,356.76
Lateral Road Expense	224.22
Alms House	4,390.16
Health Office and Jail Physician	142.80
Still Pond School Bonds	124.21
Still Pond to Still Pond Station Road	7,363.24
Orphans' Court Supplies and Salaries	347.46
Morgnec Bridge Keeper's Salary and Repairs	113.55
County Demonstrator's Allowance	781.34
Treasurer of Kent County Tuberculosis Committee	1,057.38
Road Work Before Levy	1,689.50
Special Road Work near Tolchester	1,398.81
Rock Hall and Gratitude Road	22,290.28
	$62,058.16

EXHIBIT NO. 3.

Summary of Assessments, Real and Personal and Amounts Levied By County Commissioners and Charged to County Treasurer.

Real and Personal	$12,353,168.49 @	$1.48	
Deducting $1,140.00, tax 16.87, charged in error	$182,810.02		
	11,155.00 @	$1.48	165.09
Extra Real and Personal	112,364.34 @	1.48	1,662.99
Shares of Corporations	333,775.55 @	1.00	3,337.76
Bank Shares	669,200.00 @	.30	2,007.60
Securities	44,471.94 @	1.00	444.71
Trust Companies	58,820.00 @	.30	176.46
Mutual Fire Ins., Co.,	116.860.23 @	1.48	1,729.53
Ordinary Business Corps			$192,334.16
Extra Ordinary Business Corp	6,577.47 @	1.48	97.35
			192,431.51
Cash Paid by County Commissioners, (see below)			4,779.88
Balance on Hand June 15th, 1921			6,684.03
Taxes Uncollected 1920-1921,			26,743.34
Taxes Uncollected 1919-1920			4,817.24
Taxes Uncollected 1918-1919—released 7—18—22			1,363.62
Interest Collected 1920-21,1921-22, to 6—15—22			1,639.42
Short Term Certificates			11,000.00
			$243,278.18
Balance from 1920-1921			6,684.03
Collected on Real and Personal to 6—15—22			164,923.81
Uncollected on Real and Personal to 6—15—22			17,886.21
Collected on Ex. Real and Personal to 6—15—22			143.93
Uncollected on Ex. Real and Personal to 6—15—22			21.16
Collected on Corporations to 6—15—22			2,395.86
Uncollected on Corporations to 6—15—22			1,094.01
Collected on Bank Shares to 6—15—22			3,782.47
Collected on Securities to 6—15—22			1,845.02
Uncollected on Securities to 6—15—22			162.58
Collected on Mutual Fire Ins. Co			176.46
Interest Collected for 1921-1922			1,027.67
Cash from County Commissioners			4,779.88
Collected for 1920-21—15,392.83 to 6—15—22			15,392.83
Uncollected for 1920-21—11,350.51 to 6—15—22			11,350.51
Interest Collected 1920-21— 611.75 to 6—15—22			611.75
Collected for 1919-20—2,321.44 to 6—15—22			
Uncollected for 1919-20—2,495.80 to 6—15—22 See below			
Short Term Certificates			11,000.00
			$243,278.18

Collections credited for 1919-20 are included in the amount paid Treasurer by County Commissioners.

Total Expenditures to 6—15—22	212,742.43
Taxes Uncollected for 1920-21 to 6—15—22	11,350.51
Taxes Uncollected for 1921-22 to 6—15—22	19,163.96
	243,256.90
Balance as per Treasurer's Books	21,28

Taxes for 1919-20 Uncollected June 15th, 1922		2,495.80
Taxes for 1919-20 Collected to June 15th, 1922	$469.83	
Insolvents for 1919-20, released by Co. Commissioners	2,025.97	
	2,495.80	2,495.80
Paid to Co. Commissioners since 6—15—22 for 1919-20		469.83
Paid to Co. Commissioners since 6—15—22, interest		100.42
Total paid to Co. Commissioners since 6—15—22 for 1919-20		570.25

Itemized Statement of Amounts Received from County Commissioners. (Entered Above $4,779.88).

Check from Willis K. Hackett, keep of wife at Cambridge Hos.	31.25
Check from Gault Applegarth, private use of Telephone	2.90
Cash from Charles Crowding, part on Truck	25.00
Check from A. Parks Rasin, Clerk, Suit from Cecil County	155.00
Cash from Connor, for walnut loge	6.50
Cash from Charles Crowding, part on truck	25.00
Check from Thos. W. Perkins, rebate on insurance	1.23
Check from State Comptroller, buss line license	10.34
Check from Chas. W. Crowding, part on truck	25.00
Check from Election Supervisors, candidates fund	495.00
Check from Ollie Estes, Deputy Co. Treasurer, 1919 taxes	1,000.00
Check from Ollie Estes, Deputy Co. Treasurer, 1919 taxes	449.28
Check from L. F. Sims, use of scraper	1.00
Cash from Capt. Derrick, private use of telephone	1.05
Check from W. K. Hackett, keep of wife at Cambridge Hosp	31.25
Check from Comptroller for Franchise Tax Ordinary Corp	116.52
Check from Dr. Geo. R. Jones, error on Births and Deaths Cert.	20.00
Check from Chas. W. Crowding, part on truck	25.00
Check from Alms House Trustees	169.02
Check from Chas. Crowding	25.00
Check from E. Brooke Lee, buss licenses	67.58
Check from A. Parks Rasin, Clerk, Sink Box Licenses	9.50
Check from A. Parks Rasin, Parole Fines	37.39
Check from Ollie Estes, Deputy Co. Treasurer, 1919 Taxes	250.00
Check from A. Parks Rasin, Clerk, Sup. for Clerks Office	348.89
Check from Gault Applegarth, private use of telephone	85
Cash from Ollie Estes, Deputy Co. Treasurer, 1919 Taxes	300.00
Cash from Ollie Estes, Deputy Co. Treasurer, 1919 Taxes	322.16
Check from Chas. Crowding, part on truck	25.00
Cash from W. K. Hackett, keep of wife at Cambridge Hosp	31.25
Cash from Kent Co. Com., expense of Still Pond School Com	189.66
Check from Chas. Crowding, part on truck	25.00
Check from M. W. Thomas, Treasurer, Alms House Trustees	88.00
Check from Chas. Crowding, part on truck	25.00
Check from Gault Applegarth, personal telephone calls	3.30
Cash from L. F. Sims, for use of scraper	6.00
Check, from R. H. Collins, P. J., cost in excess of salary	5.40
Check from Chas. Crowding, part on truck	25.00
Check from W. K. Hackett, keep of wife at Cambridge Hosp	31.25
Cash from J. T. Slaughter, Magis. fees 1st district	14.40
Check from Gault Applegarth, private use of telephone	1.80
Chech from Comptroller, Franchise Tax	180.11
Cash from Simon Westcott, for old lumber	2.00
Check from W. M. Thomas, Treasurer Alms House Trustees	150.00
Check from Chas. Crowding, part on truck	25.00
	$4,779.88

Dog License Fund.

Balance on hand May 17th, 1921	$1,000.00	
Cash received from Co. Treasurer Due Dog Fund	16.00	
Cash from sale of Licenses 1921-1922	1,370.50	
		$2,386.50
Total Disbursements Loss of Stock, Poultry, etc	$1,754.95	
June 15th, 1922, Check No. 72, given Leonard Wilson, Treasurer, for balance on hand	631.55	
		$2,386.50

EXHIBIT NO. 4.

Statement of Alms House and Farm, showing expenditures from June 15 1921, to June 15, 1922.

ALMS HOUSE EXPENSES.

Dry Goods, Groceries, Meats and Clothing	$1,958.21	
Drugs	98.08	
Flour and Mill Feed	130.32	
Hardware	15.39	
Labor	554.20	
Ice	34.38	
Physician	153.00	
Telephone	43.04	
Coal	525.60	
Blacksmith Bill	155.10	
Mending Harness	24.31	
Ice Cream	25.75	
Coffins	26.00	
Carpenter Work	34.29	
Lumber	109.25	
Fertilizer	42.00	
Paint	21.35	
William Ford, Salary	300.00	
Miss Ford, Salary	180.00	
Trustees, Salary	120.00	
Secretary and Treasurer, Salary	150.00	
		$4,700.21

FARM EXPENSES

Lumber, Fertilizer, Seed and Lime	435.63	
Fencing	110.85	
		546.48
Total for year		$5,246.75
Warrants provided for from previous year		116.63
		$5,363.38
Orders in Levy 1921	$3,806.36	
Certificates provided in Levy 1922	978.14	
Alms House Warrants not presented to County Commissioners	578.88	
		$5,363.38
Balance due County Commissioners from 1920-1921	$88.28	
Total receipts from Farm 1921-1922	761.90	
Received from Co. Commissioners for sheep and lambs killed	42.00	
Total	$892.18	
Paid County Commissioners for 1920-1921	$88.28	
Paid County Commisioners for 1921-1922	318.74	
Total	$407.02	
Credited J. B. Sutton, tenant on farm, with produce, etc., for which warrants were not issued	427.77	
	$834.79	
Balance due from tenant	57.39	
Total	$892.18	
Total receipts from farm and cash from County Commissioners for sheep and lambs killed 1921-1922	$788.90	
Total expenses for farm 1921-1922	546.48	
Net receipts	$242.42	

EXHIBIT NO. 5.

Statement of Board of Education of Kent County, Md., from August 1, 1921 to August 1, 1922.

RECEIPTS.

BALANCE IN BANKS, AUGUST 1, 1921, DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:		
Kent County Savings Bank, general fund	$5,360.96	
Third National Bank	5.03	
Peoples' Bank	24.34	
Chestertown Bank of Maryland	3.52	
Third National Bank, Savings Department	3,000.00	
Peoples Bank, Rosenwald Fund	737.03	
Third National Bank, Sale of Bldgs	461.19	
Colored Industrial Fund, Peoples Bank	174.34	
Book Fund, Chestertown Bank of Maryland	35.56	
		$9,801.97
RECEIVED FROM STATE:		
Account School Population and Attendance	$22,709.57	
Part Salary Supt. and Attendance Officer	1,710.00	
High School Fund	5,490.80	
Materials of Instruction	640.28	
Free School Fund	431.88	
Free Book Fund	1,920.88	
Colored Industrial Fund	1,500.00	
Total Received from State		34,403.41
County Tax	$61,626.08	
Received from Discount Notes	21,198.00	
Orders signed by County Commissioners for $20,000 in hand to pay on above. No funds in hands of County Treasurer.		
Sale of Ford Car	140.00	
Rent of Massey Colored School	15.00	
Sale of Coal	320.78	
Tuition of pupils from Queen Anne's County	1,500.00	
Interest on Rosenwald Fund in People's Bank	29.70	
Interest on deposits in Third National Bank	108.33	
Licenses	629.53	
Books Sold	18.91	
Checks made payable to Ethel Johnson, $40.85; checks made payable to Chesapeake Garag, $4.80; and not returned to the bank	45.65	
Total Receipts		129,837.86
GENERAL CONTROL:		
Office Expenses	$343.03	
Printing and Advertising	274.32	
Board Members, Allowance for Expenses	270.00	
Legal Services, Attorney's Salary for 2 Years	100.00	
Salary of Superintendent	2,340.00	
Travelling Expenses of Superintendent	400.00	
Salary of Clerk	936.00	
Salary of Attendance Officer	1,080.00	
Other Costs of Control	100.63	
Total Costs of Control		$5,483.98
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICE:		
Salary of Colored Supervisor	$750.00	
Travelling Expenses of Supervisor, colored	99.28	
Other Expenses of Supervisor, colored, supplies for colored industrial work	136.39	

	Elementary	High	
Teachers' Salaries	$68,717.25	$24,760.30	
Text Books	2,522.80	215.86	
Materials of Instruction	400.00	750.75	
Other Costs of Instruction	675.00	431.01	
Total Costs Instructional Service			$99,458.64
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
Janitors' Wages	$2,655.95	$1,529.92	
Fuel	6,884.08	1,490.37	
Janitors' Supplies	404.49	68.25	
Other Costs of Operation	306.20	182.76	
	$10,250.72	$3,271.30	
Total Costs Operation of School Plant			$13,522.02
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
Repair of Buildings and Upkeep	$447.94	$251.76	
Repair and Replacement of Equipment	1,098.96	98.54	
Other Costs of Maintenance, Rent of Buildings, for Colored Children	210.00	.....	
	$1,756.90	$350.30	
Total Costs of Maintenance of School Plant			$2,107.20
AUXILIARY AGENCIES:			
School Libraries	$14.80	$10.00	
Transportation of Pupils	2,474.63	1,314.00	
Health Service, examining pupils of High Schools for Athletic Day	.....	9.50	
	$2,489.43	$1,333.50	
Total Costs Auxiliary Agencies			3,822.93
FIXED CHARGES:			
Insurance		$443.85	
Total Costs Fixed Charges			$443.85
DEBT SERVICE:			
Interest on $4000 Note			242.60
CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
Equipment of Old Buildings			2.50
Total of All Disbursements			$125,443.72
Balance on hand, July 31, 1922			4,394.14
			$129,837.86
BALANCE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:			
Kent County Savings Bank, General Fund			$11.92
Third National Bank, General Fund			223.10
Peoples Bank, General Fund			34.21
Chestertown Bank of Maryland, General Fund			4.41
Peoples Bank, Rosenwald Fund			766.73
Third National Bank, Savings Department			3,133.83
Peoples Bank, Colored, Industrial Fund			213.67
Chestertown Bank of Maryland, Book Fund			6.27
			$4,394.14

EXHIBIT NO. 6.

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND.

The following bonds are outstanding:

Three 5 per cent Old School Bonds	$3,000.00
Thirty-nine 5 per cent Kent School Bonds	39,000.00
Thirteen 5 per cent Additional School Bonds	13,000.00
Ten 5 per cent Still Pond Public School Bonds	10,000.00
Total	$65,000.00

EXHIBIT NO. 7.

Source of Revenue for Kent County, Maryland, for 1922 and 1923, as shown by Assessment Books of County Commissioners, October 23rd, 1922.

REAL AND PERSONAL:		
First District	$2,785,589.21	
Second District	2,518,438.97	
Third District	1,764,593.47	
Fourth District	2,114,401.56	
Fifth District	1,229,254.40	
Sixth District	1,155,532.06	
Seventh District	939,614.82	
		$12,507,424.49
Extra Real and Personal		53,665.00
Shares of Corporations		73,186.80
Bank Shares		306,434.01
SECURITIES:		
First District	$18,923.00	
Second District	3,900.00	
Third District	15,625.00	
Fourth District	424,895.00	
Fifth District	12,880.00	
Sixth District	1,000.00	
Seventh District	41,240.00	
		518,463.00
Trust Companies		26,564.45
Mutual Fire Ins. Co., of Kent Co., Md		63,230.00
Ordinary Business Corporations		153,677.12
		$13,702,644.87

EXHIBIT NO. 8.

Statement of Certificates issued by County Commissioners and Witness Certificates issued by Clerk of Circuit Court, 1921 and 1922, and payable Jan. 1, 1923.

Circuit Court	$3,903.46
Witnesses before Grand Jury, October, 1921	375.24
Constables, October, 1921	3.75
Witnesses before Grand Jury, April, 1922	9.86
Witnesses before Circuit Court, April, 1922	330.43
Magistrates and Constables	2,757.16
Court House and Jail	7,071.13
Kent and Queen Anne's Counties' Joint Account	331.88
Audit Committee Salaries	341.82
Miscellaneous	775.53
Treasurer's Office Expense	634.33
Expenses of Supervisor of Assessments, Special Work	118.39
Hospitals	2,151.11
Registrations and Elections	2,675.29
Inquisitions	663.15
Alms House	1,014.80
Health Office and Jail Physician	320.99
Orphans Court, Salaries and Supplies	208.44
Morgnec Bridge Keeper's Salary	106.53
Treasurer of Kent County Tuberculosis Committee	407.82
Lateral Roads	23,175.25
Elkton Court (Bowen Case)	681.56
Still Pond Public School (printing bonds)	45.69
Taxes paid in error	102.65
Kent Mutual Fire Ins. Co	93.30
	$48,299.52

POULTRY

ITEMS CONCERNING THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF LARGE AND SMALL FLOCKS THAT WILL INTEREST OUR

There is no mistaking it—winter is here, and with it cold, ice and snow, and days of dampness. Get ready to meet the emergencies which it is sure to bring.

Feed as much green feed during this month as you can conveniently.

Remember regularity in feeding is very essential for winter eggs.

One of the main points is also to get those backward pullets to laying at the earliest moment or get rid of them.

December days are short. Therefore feed liberally, of good feed.

Keep the grit, shell and charcoal boxes filled. Also fill the water fountains often enough to keep the ice out of them.

Keep the layers indoor as much as possible, except the breeders. Give them free range as much as possible. It will tell next spring.

Don't let the eggs freeze in the nest; collect twice during bitter weather.

To save trouble the next morning, empty the water pails and fountains when you make the last round of the houses at closing time.

Keep your flock as tame as possible. Wild hens don't lay good.

During these cold days, feed sparsely in the morning then give a big feed of whole yellow corn at last feeding. It will help keep the hens warm at night.

Don't be afraid to let in plenty of fresh air, day and night, but don't let your hen's combs become frosted.

December is none too soon to begin to plan for the mating of the breeding pens and to map out the spring campaign of raising the chicks.

Hens like sprouted oats. These can be handled for small flocks all right. Mangels or cabbage must be used in the large flocks.

Buy your breeding cockerels this month if you have not already done so.

Don't bother with buying leg bands. Use ordinary pig rings.

If you intend to have new brooders make your selection now. Don't wait until spring.

Feed plenty of dry mash, oyster shell, grit and charcoal and try to keep your birds healthy.

If you want eggs at this season of the year don't stuff the birds full at their morning meal. Make them eat a lot of mash and then fill them up on grain at night.

Select all females for the breeding pens before the first of January. You can tell more about the vigor of the stock now than later, when everything will be laying.

Don't make radical changes in your feeding method until you are sure you are right. Get a good system and stick to it.

Don't permit broody hens to occupy nests. Break them up and they will start laying again.

Stay on the job—and don't despair—through failure or success.

Calls Frogs From Hiding

It has never been known of frogs falling with the rain in a rainstorm. This is an old superstition which probably arose from the fact that frogs were seen moving about in large numbers afte ra storm. It is possible that a cyclone (that can lift houses and whirl them about like straws) may at some time or other have gathered up a quantity of frogs and landed them somewhere else, not much the worse for wear. On the whole, however, we should saf that it is impossible for the sky to rain frogs, in spite of the expression "raining cats and dogs" and "raining pitchforks." Frogs are amphibious creatures, spending half their lives in water and half on land, but have a strong preference for the water and for moisture generally. When the earth is hot and dry frogs hide themselves away in cool, moist places, and when, after that, there has been a big enough storm to drive worms and other varieties of insects (frogs' natural food) to the earth's surface, frogs also make their appearanie in great quantities, causing people to wonder where they came from.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Hope H. Barroll, Morris K. Barroll, John W. Barroll, Solicitors for Plaintiff.

Elizabeth Gray, Widow of Henry J. Gray,

vs.

Lottie B. Spry, Wm. L. Spry, her husband, Blanche D. Jarman, Elmer S. Jarman, her husband, Hattie Merchant, Wm. Merchant, her husband, Clarence E. Gray, Mary Gray, his wife, Violet Carrow and Raymond Carrow, her husband.

No. 2205 Chancery.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County In Equity.

The object of the Bill filed in the above entitled case is to procure a decree for the sale of the Real Estate of the late Henry J. Gray and divide the proceeds therefrom to those legally entitled thereto.

The Bill states:

1. That the late Henry J. Gray died near Galena, in the First Election District of Kent County, Maryland, in the month of October, 1922; and at the time of his death was possessed of certain large and valuable real estate. The said Henry J. Gray left a last Will and Testament, which has been duly admitted to probate in the Orphans Court for Kent County, Maryland, a duly certified copy of which, duly signed, is filed with this Bill of Complaint and prayed to be taken as a part hereof precisely as if the same were fully recited herein at length and marked "Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 1."

2. And your Oratrix shows that Henry J. Gray left surviving a widow, your Oratrix, Elizabeth Gray, three daughters, Lottie B. Spry, Blanche D. Jarman and Hattie Merchant, all of whom are named above and are made parties defendants in this suit; a son, Clarence E. Gray, and a grand-daughter, Violet Carrow, who are also made defendants in this suit.

3. And your Oratrix further shows that she has renounced all her rights of every kind, character and description to which she may be entitled under the terms of the Will of her late husband, Henry J. Gray; that she declines to accept the terms and gifts under and by virtue of the said Will in lieu of her statutory rights which entitle her to her dower interest in the real and personal estate of the said Henry J. Gray and she claims title to the share to which, under the laws of the State of Maryland, she is entitled in and to the real and personal estate of the said Henry J. Gray.

4. Your Oratrix being entitled to an interest in the estate of her late husband, Henry J. Gray, wishes the real estate sold and such sum or sums of money which may be due to her and to which she may be entitled under the laws of the State of Maryland paid over to her and the balance distributed in accordance with the decree of this Honorable Court; and she shows that she is in good health and that she is about 80 years of age; that it is for her interest and advantage not to accept $200 annually and she wishes paid to her such sum of money in lieu of said annuity; she is advised in order that this may be done that it is necessary to apply to this Honorable Court and ask for a decree for the sale of the real estate, she is without remedy unless your Honors appoint a Trustee to sell the same and divide the proceeds.

It is thereupon, this 28th day of November, 1922, ordered by the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, that the Plaintiff, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in said Kent County once in each of four successive weeks before the 1st day of January next, giving notice to the said William Merchant, Hattie Merchant, William L. Spry, Lottie B. Spry, Clarence E. Gray and Violet Carrow, non-resident defendants, warning them to appear in this Court in person, or by Solicitor, on or before the 17th day of January next, to show cause, if any they have, why a decree ought not to be passed as prayer.

ROBERT R. AYRES, Clerk.

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