was not at home upon which they continued on to the house of Charles Lecompte Senior where they found sick and sitting either on the bed or on the chair by the side of the bed a deed was then presented to deponent as the one which they were to take the acknowledgment of, upon looking at it and finding it much defaced by interlineation the deponent said that he did not think it proper to take the acknowledgment of a deed in the state in which that was and accordingly absolutely refused to do it. Either Mr Charles Lecompte Senior or William Lecompte one of the Complainants or both of them said that the interlineations were made by Captain Frazier the Defendant – That then either Charles Lecompte Senior or William Lecompte or he believes both of them requested that Deponent would draw another deed to which he answered that he did not think himself competent to do it; but they replied that they wanted no better deed than he could draw if he would undertake it. David Smith upon this said that he could not wait till a new deed should be drawn; that he was obliged to be at Mr Minor's by two O'clock and could not possibly wait. This being the case no deed was drawn Charles Lecompte seemed somewhat vexed and thought it hard that he could not do as he pleased with his own land nor get Magistrates to come to his house to take the acknowledgment of any deeds to which deponent replied that he understood there was some land which Captain Frazier had purchased of John McCleod which was not yet secured and which would be affected by the deed which he Lecompte was about to execute. Charles Lecompte said that he was willing to give Captain Frazier any deed he might think necessary to secure that land to him but he thought it hard he could not do with his own land as he pleased, that he wished Captain Frazier and his wife had children but as they had none he wished his land to go to his own family rather than it should go to Captain Frazier's family about this time Mrs Frazier the wife of Defendant came to the house and some conversation passed between her and Charles Lecompte Senior that Mr Lecompte said to her that he wished earnestly she had an heir that if she had one he would leave nothing from her, but that as she had none it would be hard that his land should go out of his own family to go into that of Captain Frazier. Mrs Frazier said that she would not write for any thing of which Captain Frazier could not reap the benefit or words to that effect. both Charles and William Lecompte still insisted that deponent would draw another deed and that it might be drawn from the old one but Mr Smith still persisted in

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saying he could not stay till it was done but on their anxiety both deponent and Mr Smith said that they should see Captain Frazier on their way home and if he would not promise to have a deed ready and to procure magistrates to have it executed by Wednesday next, they would again come down on Thursday but that if he promised they should consider the thing as done Deponent and Mr Smith then set off on their return and stopped at Mr Minor's where they there saw Captain Frazier and related to him what had passed and told him that they had pressed their words that unless he (Frazier) would promise to have a deed prepared and would carry two magistrates with him and have it executed by next Wednesday they would go down again on Thursday and take the acknowledgment of Charles Lecompte's deed. Captain Frazier said that he should certainly have it done by that time upon which they parted and hearing more on the subject concluded it was done.

To the 5th Interrogatory answered that he did attend at the house of Charles Lecompte for the purpose of taking the acknowledgment of a deed from Charles Lecompte but he doth not know to whom it was to be given or for what purpose.

To the 6th Interrogatory answered that he had no other conversation with him than this that he heard Charles Lecompte say that he wished Captain Frazier to have any deed he might have necessary for his land but that if Captain Frazier and his wife had no children he wished his own land to go to his own family.

To the 7th Interrogatory answered that he knows no more than what he has already answered.

To the 8th Interro answered that he knows nothing more than as already deponed.

To the 9th Interro answered in the negative.

To the 10th Interro answered in the negative

To the 11th Interro answered he knows nothing of it

To the 12th Interro answered that he knows nothing of it.

To the 13th Interro answered that he is ignorant of it

To the 14th Interro answered that he knows no more than already deponed.

To the 15. 16th Interro answered that he knows no other matter or thing besides what he has already deponed.

Signed this 25th day of June 1799 by the deponent.

John Read.

Charles Lecompte Junior of full age being duly summoned appeared before the Commissioners and being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God in behalf of the Complainants answered to the interrogatories as follows

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