that on thursday 27th Inst. 12 O'clock Am. we will attend at Joseph Semmes Tavern George Town for the purpose of executing the Commission directed to us from the Chancery Court of Maryland, as Commissioners to reduce the Depositions of the Witnesses to be produced by either of the parties in said cause in writing to be read in Evidence in said cause at which time and place you are requested to attend.

To Mrs Eliz. Ridgate
Ch. County Maryland

Yr. obedt.
James L. Morsell } Comr
Feby 20. 1806.

State of Maryland.
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then came Asa Burgess before the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for said State and County, and made Oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, that he did on the 22d of the present month, deliver unto Mrs Elizabeth Ridgate of the Town of port Tobacco and the State and County aforesaid, the original of which this is a true Copy.

Sworn Before Gerrard Briscoe

Maryland. Charles County Vizt

(Seal)

In Testimony that Gerard Briscoe Esq before whom the above affidavit appeared to be taken, is and was at the time of taking the same a Justice of the peace for Charles County duly commissioned qualified and sworn. I have hereunto set my hand and public seal of office this seventh day of March in the Year 1806.

John Barnes Cl. of Charles County Court

District of Columbia to wit

By virtue of the annexed commission. We James Lowell Morsell and John Hewitt two of the Commissioners



Commissioners therein named together with Charles Glover the Clerk by us appointed have this twenty eighth day of February eighteen hundred and six, at the house of Joseph Semmes in George Town as by appointment and notice thereof given, and having taken the Oaths annexed to the said commission, proceed to the execution thereof, whereupon Joseph Wilson of the City of washington a witness produced by the complainants in the said commission named, being first duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God.

To the 1st Interrs. he answereth and saith, that he knew Mrs Doncastle the mother of the complainants from the year 1764. he has known the complainants ever since he first knew the mother.

To the 2d Interrs. He answereth and saith, that he went to live with the complainants mother the 8th day of January 1767. and lived with her in the capacity of Barr keeper from that time until August 1768.

Interrs. 3. He answereth and saith, that he knew Thomas H. Ridgate husband of the Defendant Elizabeth Ridgate in the Year 1765. he knew him from that time till his death, during which time he was a Merchant and resided in portobacco in Charles County.

Interrs 4th He answereth and saith, that he (Thos. H. Ridgate) was a merchant as above stated, and boarded with Mr John Doncastle the husband of Mrs Doncastle aforesaid when he first knew him, and he boarded with Mrs Doncastle from August 1766. he left him there when he this deponent quit Mrs Doncastle, he this deponent lived in the neighbourhood of Mrs Doncastle after he quit her, and he frequently saw the said Thomas H. Ridgate at her house and he was considered as boarder until the Year 1769. Alexander McPherson William Barton Smoot, Walter Hanson, Joseph Swinn Townly Bruce, one white servant named Dennis Pike, one yellow boy named Bill were the clerks and servants of the said Thomas H. Ridgate, al-