conflicting titles to them, a part being held by squatters. Mr. McKoen a general land agent in alexandria frequently urged that Mr Walter Jenifer should go out where the Lands were, or appoint a special agent to go and said that much the Interest of the family required him to do so; and farther, that the business had been too long neglected –

Question – did you understand that those lands were ever in the possession of the Jenifer family? answer – all that I understood was that those lands were devised to the Jenifers by Proctor Brick but whether or not they ever had possession I cannot say.

Question Did we not understand you to say there were conflicting titles to those lands? ans only that they were taken possession of by a parcel of people, or squatters who held them untill they could be ejected, or that this was one description of those persons who had possession of the lands – Question – will you state the connexion of Mr. Walter Jenifer and Mr. Stone with your family Ans Mr. Stone and Mr Walter Jenifer each married one of my daughters, and there has always, untill recently, been great harmony and friendship between them. – Question has not Mr Stone always manifested great interest for Mr. Walter Jenifer & his family ans I have never seen any thing to the contrary – Question by the Caveators – Have you not observed that Mr Stone and Mr. Walter Jenifer have not been so intimate for the last twelve months as formerly? ans I have observed a little coolness but knew nothing of any misunderstanding and presumed it proceeded from some unimportant or accidental cause. –

John Yates further examined by the Caveators –

memorandum – Objections to the admissibility of this testimony waived by both parties –

Question Did you ever make an application to Mr. Thomas Jenifer upon the subject of residing with him in his family at the retreat Stale when it was and what was his answer – ans I made an application to Mr Thomas Jenifer some short time before his marriage to know whether I and my family could live with him at the retreat during the year 1822 He replied that he did not know when Mr Daniel Jenifer would remove from the retreat, and that his Brother Walters situation was such, that he must

take him in his family to take care of him – In his Letter to me he spoke of his own intended marriage – and said he was sure it would be agreeable to the lady he was to marry, for me to live with him, but for the reasons above mentioned declined his assent to my application. –

The Caveators here read in Evidence a Letter from Thomas Jenifer to his Brother Walter dated the 27th January 1822 – and admitted to be in his hand writing – which is as follows, to wit.

Annapolis. January 27 1822 –

My dear Walter

I have just recd your letter of the 22nd Inst. and hasten to comply with your request – I wish I could gratify my own desires by encreasing the remittance – But I have had obligations to comply with which have drawn from me all my receipts – I am truly sorry to hear of Helen's indisposition, and also your failure in obtaining a nurse – I am, however, in hopes it arises more from nervous irritation to which the system in her situation, is sensibly alive, than any real cause of alarm. I trust you may yet be enabled to procure a nurse If hire in advance will better enable you to do so, let me know, and I will endeavour to supply you the means even if I have to disappoint others expectations I cannot hear of your Wifes suffering from want of attendance, particularly in her present situation, without using every means to afford relief – Tell her not to suffer her spirits to be too much depressed – she has a sincere friend, who will never permit her to suffer, as long as he has the ability to prevent – and should that be taken away, the Omnipotent arbiter of all worldly concerns, by an implicit reliance on him through faith, will supply the deficiency – There is no occasion then for despondence –

We have every prospect of a long session – The investigation of Judge Shriver's Official Conduct is now the most important and interesting matter before us It will consume some time Various Constitutional innovations are also proposed, and will necessarily create much discussion. – Indeed the general impression is that we shall be kept here untill the first of march at least – Give my love to Helen – remember me respectfully to the whole of the Clifton family, & believe me your affectn Brother Dan'l Thos Jenifer

The above Letter was thus endorsed Mr Walter T. Jenifer Clifton near Alexandria D.C. – mail.