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February 18, 1823 Then received of Edward Thomas the tax for 1819. 400 ✓es.
George Mathews.

Exhibit No 20.

Three months after date, I promise to pay or cause to be paid, unto Clarissa Thomas, administratrix of E Thomas, her heirs or assigns the full and just sum of twenty one Dollars lawful money, with legal interest thereon until paid for value of her received. As witness my hand and seal this first day of December 1823

Kenelm G Cheseldine (Seal)

Exhibit B.

5224 Three months after date we and each of us promise and oblige ourselves, jointly and severally to pay unto Clarissa Thomas administratrix of Edward Thomas, deceased, the sum of five hundred and thirty two dollars, with interest, for money for value received. As witness our hands and seals this 26 day of November 1823

Kenelm G Cheseldine (Seal)
(Seal)
(Seal)

Test copy. Jo. Harris Clk

And the said cause standing continued until March Term eighteen hundred and twenty five.

Test Jo. Harris Clk

Saint Mary's County to wit.

I hereby certify, that the aforegoing is truly taken from the record and proceedings of Saint Mary's County Court as fair to March Term eighteen hundred and twenty five.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the (Seal) seal of my office, this fourth day of March eighteen hundred and twenty five.

Jo Harris Clk & Mys by Ct.

And the said Clarissa Thomas, administratrix, aforesaid, by her Solicitor aforesaid, pray the Court here that Commission may issue to Peter Gough, Gentleman to appoint a Guardian to the Infant to answer, returnable with all convenient speed; and thereupon it is ordered by the Court here, that commission issue to the said Peter Gough to appoint a Guardian to Infant and take her answer; and the same accordingly issues in the words and of the tenor following to wit.

Maryland. Saint Mary's County to wit. The State of Maryland, to Peter Gough of Saint Mary's County Greeting. Whereas Francis Knott, Complainant hath lately exhibited his bill of Complaint before Saint Mary's County Chancery Court, against Kenelm G. Cheseldine, and Maria his wife, and Ann Thomas, heirs of Edward Thomas, and Clarissa Thomas administratrix of Edward Thomas, Defendants. And whereas by the writ of the State of Maryland of Subpœna, the said Defendants were lately commanded to appear in the said Court, to be held at Leonard Town at a certain day now past, to answer the said Bill: but for as much as the said Ann Thomas is an Infant under age, (and cannot answer the said Bill, nor defend this suit, without having a guardian or guardians assigned in that behalf. Know ye, therefore, that the said Court have given you full power, and authority, in pursuance of the special order of the said Court, to assign and appoint a guardian or guardians for the aforesaid Infant, and to take the answer of the said Infant, by such Guardian or Guardians, to the said bill, and therefore you are commanded that at such certain day and place as you shall think fit, you go to the said Infant, if she cannot conveniently come to you, and assign and appoint a Guardian or Guardians for the aforesaid Infant, and take the answer of the said Infant, by such guardians to the said bill, on such Guardian's corporal oath upon the Holy Evangels, to be by you administered, the said answer being distinctly and plainly wrote, and when you shall have so taken the said Infant's answer, you are to send the same closed up under the seal of you, together with your certificate of your having assigned and appointed such guardian as aforesaid, and this writ unto the said Court, to be held at Leonard

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Town as aforesaid. Witness John Stephen Esquire, Chief Judge of the first Judicial District, the second day of may Eighteen hundred and twenty five.

Issued the 9th day of June 1825. Jo Harris clk.

And the said cause standing continued until August Term Eighteen hundred and twenty five, when the said Peter Gough, commissioner aforesaid, made return of the said commission, and his proceedings, with the answer of the Infant, in the words following to wit.

To the Honourable the Judges of Saint Mary's County Court, acting as a Court of Equity. I, the subscriber, appointed Commissioner by the annexed commission, do certify, that in pursuance of the powers vested in me by the annexed commission, I have seen the Infant therein named, and did on the 11th day of July 1825, assign and appoint Peter W Thomson guardian for the said Infant named Ann Thomas, for the purpose of answering the bill of Complaint filed in the Equity Court of Saint Mary's County, against the said Infant, and others, and that I have taken the answer of the said Infant by her said Guardian, on the corporal oath, of the said Guardian, which answer is hereto annexed. Given under my hand and seal this 12 day of July 1825. Peter Gough. Commissioner (Seal)

The answer of Ann Thomas, an Infant under the age of twenty one years, by Peter W Thomson her guardian, to the bill of Complaint.

This Defendant for answer to the said bill of Complaint by her guardian, answereth, and saith, that she denies the truth of the several allegations stated in the said bill of Complaint, and is not willing that the contract entered into between her late father Edward Thomas, and the said Francis Knott, shall be vacated, but that the said Complainant shall be obliged to fulfil and perform the said contract, and prays the Court to decree in the premises as they may think proper, so as to protect the rights and Interest of said Infant.

Peter W Thomson Guardian

Be it remembered, that on this 12th day of July 1825 personally appears Peter W Thomson, Guardian to Ann Thomas, before me, the subscriber, the commissioner named in the annexed commission, and made oath, that the facts stated in the aforegoing answer are true as therein stated, to the best of his knowledge. Sworn before. Peter Gough. Commissioner

And the said cause standing continued until March Term Eighteen hundred and twenty six by agreement of the parties, commission issued to Jeremiah Alvey in the following words to wit.

Saint Mary's County, to wit. The State of Maryland to Jeremiah Alvey, of Saint Mary's County Greeting. Be it known, that you are appointed commissioner to examine evidences in a cause depending in Saint Mary's County Chancery Court, between Francis Knott, complainant, and Kenelm G Cheseldine, and Maria his wife, Ann Thomas and Clarissa Thomas, administratrix of Edward Thomas, Defendants. Therefore you are required, having first taken the oath hereunto annexed, and also administered the annexed oath to the person whom you shall appoint as clerk to attend the execution of this commission, that at such time and place as to you shall seem convenient, you cause to come before you all such evidences as shall be named or produced to you by either the complainant or Defendants, and that you examine them upon their corporal oaths, to be by you administered, on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, touching their knowledge or remembrance of any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid, and that you cause notice to be given to the parties, or their attornies, of the execution of this commission, before you execute the same, and having reduced the depositions of the witnesses so taken by you into writing, you send the same with this commission, closed under your hand and seal, to the said Court, with all convenient speed. Witness John Stephen Esquire chief Judge of the first judicial District, the 18 day of march Eighteen hundred and twenty six.

Issued the 21st day of April 1826. Jo Harris clk.

C Dorsey, attorney for complainant.
Henry G S Key
C M Cawood. } attornies for Defendants.