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Brown from said Hatton and if you state every thing which was said by each of the parties in such conversation.

Interrogatory 6th. Do you know the quantity and quality of the land near Piscataway which said Brown purchased from said Hatton or any thing in relation to the title of said Hatton to said land. If you state every thing which you may know on that subject

Interrogatory 7th. Do you know of any other matter or thing in relation to this controversy in Chancery between the Complainant and defendant that may tend to the advantage of the Complainants – If you state it fully in all its particulars

H. Ashton for Compt.

Cross Interrogatory on the part of Complainant to Horatio Moore

Did not the Defendant Hatton transfer to you the note of William Hebb for $2000 to said Hatton and did you not afterwards assign the said note to some person or persons in discharge of a Debt and has that debt been otherwise paid.

Maryland Prince Georges County to wit.

Agreeably to a Commission from Prince Georges County Court sitting as a Court of Equity and to me directed in a case where Gustavus R Brown and wife are Complainants and Peter D Hatton & William Hebb Defendants I proceeded to examine on their corporal oaths all such witnesses as were produced before me touching their knowledge and remembrance of said case, having first taken the oath to said Commission annexed and presented for me to take and administered to George H Lanham the person appointed as Clerk to said Commission the oath annexed and presented for him to take and also having given due notice to the parties of the time and place of meeting and summoned or cause to be summoned all such witnesses as they or either of them requested and in all other respects complied with the directions contained in said commission all which together with the commission herein closed is now returned as directed to Court.

Geo H. Lanham Clerk. B. I. Semmes Commissioner

September the 26th 1825. The Paper marked No 1 contains the Interrogatories submitted by H. Ashton Solicitor for the Complainant and numbered from 1 to 7 inclusive also a Cross Interrogatory to Horatio Moore a Witness produced on the part of the defendants.

Basil Barnes being sworn on the part of the Complainants

Interrogatory 1st. Answer I am. 2nd I know nothing of it.

3d I know nothing of it.

4th I know nothing of any land except that which P. Brown was about to purchase of P.D. Hatton, that did belong to Hatton M Jones, Brown observed to Hatton that unless he could take off the wood for the use of the place where he resided that he did not want the land as the wood was all he wanted. Hatton then observed that he would guarantee that Brown might or should take pieces of the land.

5th Interrogatory, answer. I know nothing of it.

To the 6th The Land is pretty Good but I know nothing further on the subject.

To the 7th I know nothing about it.

Joseph I. Edelen sworn on the part of the Complainants

To the 1st Interrogatory Answer I am

To the 2d I know nothing but from hear say

To the 3d I heard Mr Hatton say that he was acting trustee for Mrs Brown.

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To the 4th I know nothing

To the 5th I heard Mr Hatton say that he had got P. Brown clear of the bargain with Col. Hebb by Dr Brown's lending Hebb $2000 for fifteen months clear of interest.

To the 6th I think the quality of the land is good but know nothing of the title

To the 7th I know nothing

Cross Interrogatory by Peter D Hatton

Did you hear Dr Brown say in what way he expected to get Hebbs note back from me:

Answer Brown observed in as much as Hatton was Trustee for his wife she would recover the whole of him in Chancery, and then he would hold the land for the money which Hatton owed him.

John G Robinson sworn on the part of the Complainants

To the 1st Interrogatory, Answer I am.

To the 2nd. I was building a house for Dr Brown on the land purchased of Col. Hebb, I discontinued the building by Dr Brown's request Mr Hatton paid me the balance that was due for the building, I do not know that it was paid by Hatton as Mrs Browns Trustee.

George Semmes sworn on the part of the Complainants.

To the 1st Interrogatory Answer I am.

To the 2nd. In Novr or Decr 1820 I wrote a single bill in which William Hebb was obligor and Peter D Hatton obligee for $2000 without interest for some time not recollected and the said single bill was executed and delivered to P.D. Hatton. I or some other person had previously commenced writing a similar Instrument from Hebb to Gustavus R Brown but an objection being made as Hatton was to be the obligee instead of Brown it was discontinued and then I wrote the single bill just above mentioned. All the parties except Mr Brown were privy to this transaction – It was a matter of public notoriety that Peter D Hatton was acting as Trustee for Mrs Brown and I considered that the single Bill was given to him as such but I have no personal knowledge of the fact and do not know how constituted or to what extent he acted or even that he acted at all as such – I had been called on by Jeremiah & Jacob Edelen to pay money that I was indebted to them as administrators de bonis non of Edward Edelen and they stated that they wanted it for Dr Brown which was due him in right of his wife to pay William Hebb for land he had purchased of him and I did pay them $900 on the very day the single bill above named was executed. Mr Hatton as the friend of Dr Brown consulted me whether it would be better for Dr Brown to augment the sum he had already paid Hebb to $2000 and take his obligation for the same without interest or to forfeit his penal bond of $1000 which he had given for his complying with the above mentioned purchase. and I advised that it was better for Dr Brown to advance the sum required by Hebb than to incur the forfeiture.

To the 3d & 4th. I have seen a Deed from Peter D Hatton to P. Brown for the land on which Dr Brown now lives.

To the 5th I never did.

To the 6th. I do not know the quantity but the quality is excellent. George H Lanham and myself were called on by Peter D Hatton and Basil Hatton to divide a Tract of Land between them it appeared to us that P.D. Hatton owned seven sixteenths of the land on Tinkers Branch of which his father George Hatton died seized and Basil Hatton representing Nathaniel Hatton