terms in the said deed contained, and the extent of the debts to be paid by these respondents, in virtue of the said deed and that they would not have accepted thereof if they had known of the existance of the said single bill. These respondents admit that the short copy of the judgment for $126 00/100 is a true copy from the records, and that they are liable to pay the same it being for a real debt due and owing to the complainant from the said Mercer Moran Senior, and which these respondents assumed to pay, but these respondents aver that the said complainant is due and owing to these respondents Hooper Broome a larger sum, than the above as appears by his single bill herewith filed and marked Exhibit A, and which these respondents pray may be taken as a part of their answer. Without this that there is any thing in the said bill, contained, and which is not sufficiently answered traversed or denied, confessed or admitted. Wherefore they pray to be hence dismissed without costs.

On the back of the aforegoing answer is thus written to wit.
Be it remembered that on this 17th day of Nov. 1826 personally appeared Hooper Broome and May his wife and made oath that the facts stated in the preceding answer are true. Sworn before John Estep.

Exhibit A referred to in the aforegoing answer
For valler recevd I promise and oblige my self my heirs executors administrators to pay or cause to be paid unto Hooper Broome his executors administrators or assigns the full and just sum of two hundred dollars in United States Bank notes, with legal interest thereon. Given under my hand and seal this twenty nine of December Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighteen. Mercer Moran (Seal)
Test. Jno Moran Jr.

And thereupon on motion of the said Thomas A Moran executor as aforesaid by his Solicitor heard is given by the Court here to amend the bill of complaint filed in this cause. Thereupon on motion of the said Thomas A Moran executor as aforesaid by his Solicitor aforesaid, it is ordered by the Court here that commission issue to William Morton of Charles county gentleman to take depositions, which said commission according issues in the following words to wit.

"Charles County Court. The State of Maryland to William Morton of Charles county Greeting: Be it known that you are appointed commissioner to examine witnesses in a cause depending in Charles county Court of the said State for the Western Shore, between Thomas A Moran executor of the testament and last will of Mercer Moran complainant and Hooper Broome and Mary his wife respondents. Therefore you are requested having taken the oaths hereunto annexed

and also administering 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 witnesses as shall be named or produced to you by either the complainant or respondents, 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 attorneys 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 county court with all convenient speed. Witness the Honorable John Stephen Esquire Chief Judge of the first Judicial District of Maryland the 18th day of November Anno Domini 1825. Issued the 26 day of February 1826.
John Barnes Clk.

Commissioners Oath. You shall according to the best of your skill and knowledge, truly faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the parties, take the examinations and depositions of all and every witness and witnesses produced and examined by virtue of the commission hereunto annexed upon the interrogatories now or which may hereafter before the said commission is closed be produced to and left with you by either of the said parties. So help you God.

Clerks Oath. You shall truly faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the parties in this cause, take write down, and transcribe the depositions of all and every the witness and witnesses produced before and examined by the commissioner named in the commission hereto annexed, so far forth as you are directed and employed by the said commissioner to take write down and transcribe the said depositions or any of them. So help you God.

Thereupon further process of and upon the premises aforesaid, between the parties aforesaid and by consent of the said parties and their Solicitors aforesaid and by order of the Court here thereon this cause is further continued until the third Monday in March next.

At which mentioned third Monday in March being the twentieth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six, come again into the county Court here as well the said Thomas A Moran executor as aforesaid by his Solicitor aforesaid, as the said Hooper Broome and Mary Broome his wife by their Solicitor aforesaid, and the said William Morton gentleman to whom the aforegoing commission was in form aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here with the following certificate and depositions to wit.