duly renewed returnable to the next Term of the said Court.

At which next Term to wit September Term eighteen hundred and twenty eight the said writs were again renewed returnable to the next Term of the said Court: At which next Term to wit December Term eighteen hundred and twenty eight the said writs were again duly renewed returnable to the next Term of the said Court: At which next Term the said subpoena was duly returned indorsed by the Sheriff of Washington County as follows "Summ.d" Rebecca John and John Hasler and Julian and Jonathan Miller" And the said attachment to answer was duly returned by the said Sheriff "endorsed attached William Ringer John Kennedy, Dan.l Rowy Christian Fechtig, Saml. Steignder Wm. Moffitt John Ringer Absalom Kelly David Dasker Dennis McPhilmy Francis McMullen William McGongal John Leland Job and Thomas Ringer Henry legal Benj.n Reigal Jacob Ringer Jacob Stahl Hugh and John Kennedy, John A. Donaldson David Martenson John Morlen Matthew Murray James Davis John Wyse Sen.r John Horn Christian Hager the Elder, William Fitzhugh Henry Keefer John Bailey John Rowe Wm. Bender Joshua Murray and Fegely"

And the said cause thus standing was continued until December Term of the said Court in the year eighteen hundred and twenty nine.

At which Term the defendant Elizabeth Lawrence by her Solicitor aforesaid filed in the said cause her cross Bill in the words following.

To the Honourable Theodorick Bland, Chancellor of Maryland. Humbly complaining your Oratrix Elizabeth Lawrence of Washington County shows unto your Honour that Jonathan Hager the elder died intestate in the year 1775 leaving one son his heir at law, Jonathan Hager the younger and a daughter named Rosanna the wife of Daniel Heisler, That Jonathan Hager the elder as your Oratrix is informed had prepared a will which he intended to execute by which he intended to devise to his said daughter about seven hundred acres of land which upon failure of issue of the body of the said Rosanna was by the terms of the said will to revert upon her death to the said Jonathan Hager the younger the father of your Oratrix, But the said Daniel Heisler prevailed upon Jonathan Hager the younger under the pretence that such was the intention of his father by his said intended will to agree in writing that upon attaining his age of twenty one years he would convey to the said Rosanna the quantity of fourteen hundred acres of land; That Jonathan Hager the younger in the year 1776 enlisted as a common soldier in the American Army and was taken prisoner in the same year on Long Island by the British, he was thence taken to Halifax and there compelled to enlist in the service of the Crown and attained his age of twenty one years in 1777 immediately after which event Daniel Heisler arrived in Halifax for the purpose of obtaining a deed from the said Jonathan the younger for the said fourteen hundred acres of land which the said Jonathan Hager conveyed, not to his sister as by his said agreement he was under an engagement to do; but to the said Daniel himself in fee simple

unconditional, But the said deed as it afterwards appeared was defective and in the year 1781, the said Daniel applied to the legislature of Maryland for a law to make the same valid and effectual to pass the said land but the legislature being informed that of right the said fourteen hundred acres of land should be the right and estate of the said Rosanna Heisler a law was passed vesting the same in the said Daniel for life and in the said Rosanna in fee.

That on the 10th day of February 1782 the said Daniel and Rosanna both being in Philadelphia they executed an instrument of writing purporting to be a deed for the whole of the said lands to Wm. Heisler to vested in them by the act of Assembly aforesaid and the said Wm. Heisler by deed bearing date the 14th day of March 1782 did reconvey the said land to the said Daniel in fee, That no consideration passed between the parties to the deeds or papers last mentioned: your Oratrix has been informed and very believes that the said Rosanna was induced by her husband to believe that the said lands were purchased by the said Wm. Heisler and that the object of her husband in making the said sale was with a view to removing permanently to the City of Philadelphia which was the wish of the said Rosanna, But your Oratrix charges that the said Daniel never had any serious intention of removing from Washington County and that his sole purpose in removing on the occasion referred to to Philadelphia was the more readily to deceive his wife and obtain the exclusive title to her lands: But the said deed so executed to the said Wm. Heisler was not in conformity with the laws of Maryland and was therefore wholly inoperative and void: Your Oratrix further shows that the said Jonathan Hager the younger having in the mean time made his way back to the State of Maryland applied by petition to the legislature for a remission of the purchase money of his own lands which had been confiscated purchased by himself and his bond given to the State and for a repeal of the law which had been passed during his absence for the purpose of testing his property in the said Heisler and wife That the legislature did accordingly pass a resolution remitting the said purchase money and a bill was introduced into the House of Delegates which upon full consideration of all the circumstances was passed by that body repealing the said law of 1781, and revesting the said property in the said Jonathan the younger the father of your Oratrix which law is exhibited by your Oratrix in her answer to the bill of Hager and others children of Christian Hager and devisees of Rosanna Heisler complainants and your Oratrix and Daniel Heisler and others defendants filed in this Court on the 22d of June 1837 marked No. 1. Ex. A. which together with all the other exhibits referred to in the said answer your Oratrix being unable to exhibit this her cross bill begs leave to refer your Honor. And the said Daniel Heisler addressed to the legislature an answer to the said petition in which he took no notice of the said pretended deed from himself and wife to William Heisler and from the said William to himself which appears by the answer exhibited with the answer of your Oratrix as aforesaid marked No. 1. Ex. B. to which your Oratrix refers: The said law upon the petition of the said Jonathan Hager the younger passed the House of Delegates would have also passed the Senate, but for the de-