County greeting: Whereas John H. Hunter and others have lately exhibited their bill of complaint before us in our High Court of Chancery against Solomon H. Hunter and others defendants - And whereas we have by our writ lately commanded the said defendant to appear before us in our said Chancery at a certain day to answer the said bill but forasmuch as the said Solomon H. Hunter is an infant under age, and cannot answer the said bill nor defend this suit without having a guardian assigned in that behalf - Know ye therefore that we have given unto you full power and authority in pursuance of the special order in our said Court to assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infant and to take the answer of the said infant by such guardian to the said bill, and therefore we command you that at such certain day and place as you shall think fit you go to the said defendant if he cannot conveniently come to you and assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infant, and take the answer of the said infant by such Guardian to the said bill on such Guardians corporal oath upon the Holy Evangely to be administered by you the said answer being distinctly and plainly wrote and when you shall have so taken the said answer you are to send the same closed up under your seal together with your certificate of your having assigned and appointed such guardian as aforesaid and this writ unto us in our said Chancery - Witness the Honorable Theodorick Bland Chancellor this 23d day of Septr Anno Domini 1840

(Seal) Test, Ramsay Waters, Reg^r Cur. Cancr.

To the Honorable Theodorick Bland, Chancellor of Maryland The undersigned respectfully returns, that pursuant to the authority vested in him by the foregoing commission he did on the 17th. day of October in the year 1840 assign and appoint Solomon Hillen, Junr guardian to the infant in said commission named and did take the answer of the said infant by the said guardian on his corporal oath by the undersigned administered which answer hereto annexed is herewith returned together with said commission - Witness my hand and seal this 17th. day of October 1840 -

T. Parkin Scott, Com^r (Seal)

The answer of Solomon H. Hunter an infant under the age of twenty one years by Solomon Hillen, Junr his guardian in that behalf specially appointed to the bill of complaint of John H. Hunter and others against this defendant and others in the Court of Chancery exhibited - The defendant answering by his guardian aforesaid to the said bill of complaint say that of the several matters and things charged and set forth in said bill he is ignorant being an infant of tender years and prays that the Court will protect his interest in the premises and prays to be hence dismissed with his cost and so forth -

Sol. Hillen, Junr Guardian -

Solomon Hillen Junr Guardian above named makes oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief - Sworn to before the subscriber commissioner for that purpose appointed -

T. Parkin Scott, Commissioner -

And afterwards at the same Term came Thomas Parkin Scott, Esquire of counsel for the defendants Solomon Hillen Junr and Leanette H. Hunter and in their behalf appeared to the said suit and filed in the said cause the answers of said defendants to the said bill in the words following to wit:

The seperate answer of Solomon Hillen Junr one of the defendants to the bill of complaint of John H. Hunter and others complainants exhibited and filed in the High Court of Chancery of Maryland against this defendant and others - This defendant now and at all times hereafter saving and reserving to himself all advantage of exception to the said bill of complaint for answer thereto nevertheless says - That he admits that the said John Hunter late of Baltimore County deceased was in his life time and at the time of his death seized in fee simple and possessed of a large and valuable estate real personal and mixed and being so seized and possessed that he made his will

and codicil about the times in the bill mentioned and departed this life on or about the fifteenth day of November in the year eighteen hundred and thirty four leaving a widow Leanette H. Hunter and eight children viz: John H. Hunter Thomas Hunter Henry Hunter Charles S. Hunter Mary M. Hunter and Rebecca A. Hunter by a former marriage and Robina R. Hunter and Solomon H. Hunter by his said wife now widow Leanette H. Hunter - And this defendant admits that a partition of the said estate was made amongst the widow and children of the said John Hunter deceased who were also his devisees under a decree of this Honorable Court and that to each of them was allotted and assigned his or her particular share and proportion of said estate but this defendant denies that the said negroes specifically bequeathed in the codicil to said will were to be divided amongst the survivors children in the event of the death of either of said children as set forth in the said bill of complaint and for greater certainty in relation to said Will and codicil and to the said partition this defendant prays leave to refer to the said cause and to a copy of said Will and codicil filed as an exhibit in said cause and to all the the proceedings therein now of record in this Court and prays that the same be taken and considered as a part of this his answer to the said bill of complaint - And this defendant further answering says that he admits that the said Mary M. Hunter Rebecca A. Hunter and Solomon H. Hunter are still infants under the age of twenty one years and he admits that the said Robina A. Hunter was at the time of her death an infant under the age of twenty one years to wit, of the age of fourteen years and six months and he admits that the said Henry Hunter and Robina A. Hunter departed this life about the time in the bill mentioned and he admits that the said Henry Hunter devised his whole estate real and personal to his brothers and sisters of the whole blood to the exclusion of his brothers and sisters of the half blood and he admits that the said Robina devised her whole personal estate to her mother and he alledges that she had attained the age of fourteen years before she made and published her said Will and he alledges that at the time of so doing she was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and he admits that the complainants exhibit B. is a true copy thereof and he is advised that she was competent to make said Will and he avers that the said Will hath been duly proven and admitted to record and he is advised that the whole of said Robina A. Hunters personal estate as well that derived under her fathers will and the income thereof and all other her personal estate passed under the said will to the said Leanette H. Hunter the legatee therein named - And this defendant further answering says that he admits that he was appointed Guardian of the estates of said Robina A. Hunter and Solomon H. Hunter and that he gave bonds as such; and he admits that as Guardian of said infants he received their estates into his care and custody and he admits that the complainants exhibit A. is a copy of a release he gave the said Leanette H. Hunter and Thomas Hunter executors as aforesaid but he denies that the estate and property so received by him as guardian of the said Robina A. Hunter is correctly mentioned and set forth in the complainants said bill and he avers that he hath rendered an account of his said trust to the orphans Court for Baltimore County and he herewith brings into Court an office copy under seal of his said account settled before the said orphans Court as guardian of the said Robina marked defendants exhibit No. 1 and he avers that the said account contains a full just and true statement of all his receipts and expenditures as guardian as aforesaid and of all the estate to the said Robina A. Hunter and he prays that it be taken as a part of this his answer to the said bill of complaint - and this defendant avers that of the estate so received by him as guardian of the said Robina from the estate of her said father as aforesaid the