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Court, and then moved the Court now to adjourn which was done immediately until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Thursday 27th June 1844 - The Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present the same Judges as on yesterday.

At the opening of the Court R. Johnson, Esq^r on behalf of a meeting of the Bench and Bar, held on yesterday after the adjournment moved the Court to enter the following report of their proceedings on the minutes of the Court.

At a meeting of the Judges and members of the Bar, of the Court of Appeals and of the Officers of the Court in the Court room at Annapolis on Wednesday the 26th day of June 1844 - The Honorable Chief Justice Buchanan was appointed Chairman and Richard W. Gill Esq^r Secretary.

On motion Mess^rs Reverdy Johnson Alexander C. Magruder and Thomas S. Alexander were appointed a committee to prepare resolutions adapted to the melancholy occasion which called the meeting together.

The Committee soon after submitted the following Resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved That this meeting have heard with the deepest regret of the sudden death in this City of the Honorable John Stephen one of the Judges of the Court of Appeals.

Resolved That we entertain the highest veneration for his memory a grateful admiration of the ability and integrity with which he uniformly devoted himself to the performance of his official duties and a recollection that will never fade of the talents virtues and urbanity by which his private character was illustrated.

Resolved. That we will attend the funeral of the deceased and wear the customary badge of mourning for the residue of the term.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee make known these proceedings to the Court and respectfully request in behalf of this meeting that they be inserted among its records.

Resolved, That the Chairman and Secretary transmit a copy to the family of the deceased and assure them of our deep sympathy and sincere condolence on account of the severe affliction they have sustained.

Which were unanimously adopted and the meeting adjourned.

R. W^m Gill, Secretary. Jno. Buchanan Chairman.

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To which the Honorable John Buchanan Chief Judge replied. For myself and in behalf of all my brethren, I most cordially respond to this richly merited tribute of respect to the memory of such a man as Judge Stephen. On the occasion of which is indeed a melancholy one. In his death, the department of which he was a distinguished member, has sustained a loss deeply to be felt and deplored. In the several branches of the Government, the Legislative Executive and Judicial departments he had served the State with honor fidelity usefulness and ability. By his integrity and talent he commanded the confidence, and by his mild and courteous deportment won the affections of all who knew him. And it is with the keenest pain that we see the chair so recently and honorably filled by him now vacant.

Adequately to portray his various virtues and excellencies would be a task too difficult for me to attempt, and to speak of his legal attainments and usefulness on the Bench to you who knew him long

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and knew him well would be a waste of words. They speak for themselves more loudly and fully than I can speak. To his moral and social virtues all who knew him can bear witness. His life furnishes an example fit and worthy to be imitated. And I think I hazard nothing in saying that he has left behind him no man blessed with a purer or better heart than his. We willingly direct the proceedings of the meeting to be entered on the minutes of the Court.

Ann Shippy
vs.
Thomas Biggins and Catharine Biggins and wife.

Be it remembered that now here on the second Monday in June being the twelfth day of the said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three the Chancellor of Maryland, in pursuance of the directions of the act of Assembly in such case made and provided transmit to the Court of Appeals here the record of proceedings of a certain cause which was lately depending before him in the Court of Chancery between Thomas Biggins and Catharine his wife complainants and Ann Shippy defendant and wherein the said Court of Chancery passed a decree for the said Thomas Biggins and Catharine his wife against the said Ann Shippy and from which said decree the said Ann Shippy appealed to the Court of Appeals here the tenor of which said record of proceedings is in form following to wit:

Maryland Set.

At a Court of Chancery for the State of Maryland begun and held at the City of Annapolis on the first Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

Present - The Honorable Theodorick Bland, Chancellor.
Louis Gassaway, Register.

Were had (among other) the following proceedings.

Thomas Biggins and Catharine his wife
vs.
Ann Shippy.

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit, on the fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two came Thomas Biggins and Catharine his wife by Henry Page Esquire their Solicitor into the Court of Chancery of the State of Maryland and exhibited therein their bill of complaint against Anne Shippy in the words following to wit:

To the Honorable Theodorick Bland, Chancellor of Maryland. The Bill of complaint of Thomas Biggins and wife of Dorchester County respectfully represents that at some period anterior to the year eighteen hundred and fifteen James Hodson of the said County departed this life intestate leaving the following persons his only children and heirs at law to wit; James Hodson Darius Hodson, Catharine Hodson and Dorothy Hodson each equally entitled to an undivided fourth part. On or about the sixteenth day of February in the year eighteen hundred and fifteen Darius Hodson by deed conveyed all his divided fourth part to his mother Catharine Shippy in fee simple. In the year eighteen hundred and nineteen James Hodson departed this life intestate leaving his brother Darius Hodson his sister Catharine Hodson and his nephew Richard (the son of his sister Dorothy who intermarried with a certain William D. Glover) his only heirs at law and each entitled to one undivided third part. In the year eighteen hundred and twenty three Richard Glover departed