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Frazer and John Hutchins of Calvert County Greeting - Whereas Alexander Freeman by his petition to the Judges of Calvert County Court hath set forth that Thomas B. Freeman departed this life in the month of November eighteen hundred and thirty two seized of divers lands tenements and hereditaments lying and being in Calvert County that is to say and so forth and left sundry persons his children and heirs at law that is to say the petitioner and the wife of Ira Young Keziah Jane, Henry and Fanny, that the said Keziah Jane Henry and Fanny are minors and under the age of twenty one years he hath therefore prayed that petition of the said estate may be made between the aforesaid heirs according to their just proportions agreeably to the act of Assembly in such case made and provided which said prayer hath been granted and it being suggested to the said Court that you are discreet and sensible men within the said County and the said Court having great confidence in your prudence and integrity have therefore assigned commissioned and appointed you and do hereby assign commission and appoint you or a majority of you having first taken the oath hereto annexed to adjudge and determine whether the said estate will admit of being divided without loss or injury to all the parties entitled and to ascertain the value of the said estate in current money taking into consideration any incumberance thereon and to ascertain the value of the said estate subject to the incumberance if any and if the said estate can in your opinion and judgment or in the opinion and judgment of a majority of you be divided without loss and injury to all the parties entitled thereto to divide and make partition of the same fairly and equally in value between all the parties entitled according to their several just proportions or if the said estate can not be divided equally and fairly between all the parties interested according to their several just proportions then you or a majority of you shall divide the estate into as many parts as it is susceptible of without loss or injury to the parties entitled and ascertain the value of each part of such estate in current money subject to any incumberance thereon, and if in your opinion and judgment or in the opinion and judgment of a majority of you the said estate cannot be divided without loss and injury to all the parties then you or a majority of you shall make return to the said County Court of your judgment and the reasons upon which the same was formed and the real value of the said estate in current money subject to the incumberance if any thereon and if you or a majority of you shall determine that the said estate can be divided in either of the ways herein before mentioned without loss and injury to all parties then you shall cause the land to be surveyed and laid out by the County Surveyor or such other persons as you may think qualified in the case the estate consists of lands and if the said estate shall be equally divided between all the parties interested according to their several just proportions then you or a majority of you shall allot to the several parties their respective shares of the said estate land and you or a majority of you are hereby empowered and directed to ascertain and lay off the widows dower in and to the lands and tenements of the estate before you shall proceed to divide or value the same and you or a majority of you shall make the ascertainment and location of such dower a part of your return to this commission and you or a majority of you shall cause notice to be given to all parties concerned by advertisements set up at the Court House and in such other public places in the said County as you may direct at least

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thirty days previous to your proceeding to execute this commission and you or a majority of you are appointed commissioners to proceed in the premises according to the directions of an act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at December Session 1820 ch 191 entitled "an act to reduce into one system the laws to direct descents and you or a majority of you having made petition or allotment in manner aforesaid shall make return of your proceedings to the next Court to happen thereafter Witness Honorable Thomas B. Dorsey, Esquire Chief Judge of the said Court the 14th day of October 1835. Issued the 9th day of February 1836 - William Hance Clerk

Whereupon this case by consent of petitioner and by order of the Court here is continued untill the second of May next - At which said Monday of May being the eight day of said month in the year eighteen hundred and thirty six comes again into Court here the said Alexander Freeman the petitioner aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid and thereupon this case by consent of the petitioner and by order of Court here is continued untill the second Monday of October next, - At which said second Monday of October being the ninth day of said month in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty seven comes again into Court here the said Alexander Freeman petitioner aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid and thereupon this case is by consent of the petitioner and by order of the Court here continued untill the second Monday of May next at which said second Monday of May being the fourteenth day of said month in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty eight comes again into Court here the said Alexander Freeman petitioner aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid and thereupon this case by consent of the petitioner and by order of the Court here is continued untill the second Monday of October next, at which said second Monday of October being the eight day of said month in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty eight comes again into Court here the said Alexander Freeman petitioner aforesaid and thereupon this case by consent of the petitioner and by order of the Court here is continued till the second Monday of May next, At which said second Monday of May being the thirteenth day of said month in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty nine comes again into Court the said Alexander Freeman the petitioner aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid and thereupon this case by consent of the petitioner and by order of the Court here is continued untill the second Monday of October next - At which said second Monday of October being the fourteenth day of said month in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred ~~eighteen hundred~~ and thirty nine comes again into Court here the said Alexander Freeman the petitioner aforesaid by his attorney aforesaid and the commissioners to whom the said commission was directed makes return thereof in the words following to wit.

To the Honorable the Judges of Calvert County Court - The undersigned commissioners appointed by the Commission hereto prefixed to adjudge and determine in regard to the division and value of the real estate of Thomas Freeman late of Calvert County deceased and to perform the other duties required in and by the said commissioners hereby respectfully report and return to this Honorable Court that having first taken the oath annexed to the said commission as is thereon certified and having caused due notice according