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Exhibit A. Referred to. Port Tob.a Jan.y 3d. 1838.-

Dr. Sir: I have received your bond and it is approved of and I authorise you to take possession of the land wherever you please.-

P. S. Gustavus Brown.-

You will get Mary to sign a written authority likewise to Mr. Joseph Hatton.- G. B.-"

Exhibit B. refered to.- Port Tob.a June 29th 1838.-

Dr. Sir- your letter of the 28th Inst. came to hand by yesterdays mail and I feel somewhat surprised at its contents. I thought it was understood by all interested that the safest plan to secure your title would be to petion the Chancery Court to decree a sail of the land. It was in order to give you a title to this land that this was done the Heir at Law being a minor.- I wish you to meet me in Piscataway on the 7th of July at 10 or 11 O'clk.- yours &c.

To Joseph Hatton, Esq.- Gustavus Brown.-

Notice refered to.-

"Henry D. Hatton Jr. and Mary E. his wife - vs. Joseph Hatton.-

In Prince George's County Court as a Court of Equity.-

You will please take notice that on Friday the 7th day of January 1842, at the hour of 12 O'clock M. at the Tavern of William G. Hardy's in the Village of Piscataway, by virtue of a commission issued to me out of Prince George's County Court in the above cause I shall proceed to examine such evidence as shall be produced before me by the above petitioners or the above respondents when and where you will attend if you think fit.- Dan.l C. Digges, Comm.r

Henry D. Hatton, Jr.
Mary E. his wife.-

Prince George's County, Set.- On this 8th day of January 1842. personally appears Thomas Jenkins before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County, and makes oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did serve the above notice on Henry D. Hatton Jr. and Mary E. his wife, on the 4th day of the present month, and did leave with them a copy of said notice after having read the same to the said H. D. Hatton, Jr. Sworn before.- Geo. T. Brown.-

Commission refered to in the foregoing return.-

"Prince George's County, Set.- The State of Maryland to Daniel C. (Seal) Digges of said County gentleman Greeting: Be it Known that you are appointed Commissioner to examine evidences in a cause depending in Prince George's County Court as a Court of Equity between Henry D. Hatton, Jr. and Mary E. his wife petitioners and Joseph Hatton respondent - Therefore you are requested (having first taken the oath hereunto annexed, and also administered 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 evidences, as shall be made or produced to you either by the said petitioners or respondent, and that you examine them upon their corporal oaths to be by you administered on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God touching their knowledge or remembrance of any

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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 deposition 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 Chief Judge of the first Judicial District of Maryland the 30th day of October 1841.- Issued the 28th day of December 1841.-

W. H. T. for pet.rs
C. C. M. for Resp.t

John B. Brooke, Clerk.-

Commissioner's Oath.- You shall according to the best of your skill and knowledge truly faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the parties in this cause take the examinations and depositions of all and every witness or 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.- J. B. Belt, J. P.-

Clerk's 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 or witnesses produced before, and examined by the Commissioner named in the commission hereunto annexed, as far forth as you are directed or imployed by the said Commissioner to take write down and transcribe the said depositions or any of them so help you God.- J. B. Belt, J. P.-

Afterwards, to wit, on the nineteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two the said petitioners by William H. Tuck, Esquire their Solicitor filed in Court here the following exceptions to wit:

"Hatton and wife - vs. Jos. Hatton.-

The petitioners except to the competency and admissibility of the evidence of Edmund Key.-

1st- Because the testimony was taken after the 2d Monday (10th) January which is the day of the meeting of the Equity Court and by which the comm.n was made returnable by the order granting it.-

2d- Because his testimony in answer to 2d Interrogatory is hearsay as derived from Gustavus Brown."

Whereupon the Court passed the following order in the premises to wit:

"Ordered by the Court that the petition be dismissed with costs.- C. Dorsey, 19th January 1842."

Thereupon this cause was further continued until the first Monday of April next.- At which mentioned first Monday of April being the fourth day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two and being the day until which this cause was further continued come again into the County Court here the parties aforesaid by their solicitors aforesaid. Thereupon this cause was further continued until the second Monday in July next.