named in the annexed Commission, and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he will well and truly and without favor partiality or prejudice adjudge and determine whether the real estate of Jane Strawbridge deceased in annexed commission mentioned, will admit of being divided without injury and loss to all the parties entitled and that he will ascertain the value of the said estate in current money and if the said estate can in the opinion and judgment of him and the other Commissioners or a majority of them be divided without loss and injury to all the parties entitled that he will then divide and make partition of the same fairly and equally in value between all the parties interested according to their several just proportions, and if he with the other Commissioners or a majority of them shall determine that the estate cannot be divided without loss and injury to all the parties then he will make return to the County Court of such judgment and reasons upon which the same is founded, and the real value of the said estate in current money of Maryland.

John C. Wilson

We the subscribers do hereby certify to the Honorable Justices of Somerset County Court that by virtue of the annexed Commission to us directed we having first qualified according to law to execute the aforesaid Commission as by a certificate of our qualification hereto annexed will appear, and likewise having given more than ten days previous notice to the several representatives of Jane Strawbridge died whereof of full age, and also ten days previous notice to William Polk guardian for the purpose appointed to William Layfield, Nancy Williams, Milly Williams, minors, and also more than ten days notice to Joshua Boston guardian to Levin Boston and James Boston, minors, of our intention of meeting on the lands of the said Jane Strawbridge, on the thirteenth day of July seventeen hundred and ninety five, for the purpose of executing the said Commission we did accordingly meet on the premises the day and year aforesaid and proceeded to execute the aforesaid Commission, and not being able to finish the business we adjourned to the eighteenth day of August following, and on the said eighteenth day of August seventeen hundred and ninety five we did accordingly meet on the premises and proceed to finish the execution of the said Commission, and we do further certify that on viewing the lands aforesaid, we are clearly of the opinion that the same cannot be divided without great loss to all the parties interested on account

of the peculiar situation of the land the small quantity of acres and the number of persons interested therein and we do accordingly estimate the aforesaid lands at the dwelling plantation of the aforesaid Jane Strawbridge to be of the real value of two thousand five hundred and fifty six pounds current money of Maryland and also a small lot in Princess Anne town to be of the real value of twenty pounds current money of Maryland the whole real value to be twenty two hundred and seventy six pounds current money of Maryland and no more. Given under our hands this eighteenth day of August seventeen hundred and ninety five.

John C. Wilson. James Wilson Junr,
John Stewart. Samuel Smith
Henry James Carroll

Appeared in open Court John Williams next person entitled to the lands of Jane Strawbridge late of Somerset County deceased and did elect to take the whole of the said lands, and to pay the several other persons entitled to the said lands the just proportions of the values in money agreeably to the returns of the Commissioners

A True Copy Test John Done Clk

Exhibit C.C. referred to in the above bill of Complaint to wit

Know all men by these presents that I William Davis Allen of Worcester County and State of Maryland am held and firmly bound unto William Whittington of Somerset County and State aforesaid, for the proper use and benefit of Polly Strawbridge, her heirs, executors administrators and assigns, in the full and just sum of two thousand pounds current money of the State aforesaid, to be paid to the said William Whittington his executors or administrators for the use aforesaid, to which payment well and truly to be made and done I bind myself my heirs, executors and administrators, in and for the whole firmly by these presents. Sealed with my seal and dated this thirteenth day of March Anno Domini seventeen hundred ninety and three. Whereas a purpose of marriage is concluded and agreed upon by and between William Davis Allen and Polly Strawbridge, and the said William Davis Allen willing to secure to the said Polly her heirs and assigns (on condition they marry) the principal of her estate that is to say all her own third part of the nett distribution share of Doctor William Strawbridge's personal estate, he the said William Davis Allen agrees to and with the said Polly, that if she survives him then and in such case, she shall have good right, and full power and authority to ask