To the Honourable the Judges of Somerset County Court, sitting as a Court of Chancery.

Whereas a commission having issued, from the Chancery side of Somerset County Court on the fourth day of July in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty two, directed to George Brown Gideon Pearce and John A Bell Esquires, requiring them to examine witnesses and to reduce to writing their depositions &c in a cause depending in the said court, between Peter Guillet Complainant, and John Williams, William W. Allen, and William Whillington defendants, and the said Commission having came to the hands of the said Brown Pearce & Bell the commissioners therein named, they, do hereby certify and return to the Honourable the Judges of Somerset County Court sitting as a court of Chancery that in obedience to the said commission they attended at the Court house in Princess Anne on friday the fifth day of July in the year aforesaid, and then and there did take the oath annexed to the said commission before William Crockett Esquire, a justice of the peace for said County who gave a certificate thereof. After which the said Commissioners appointed Benjamin A Handy Esquire their clerk, to assist in the execution of the said commission, who appeared and took the oath thereto also annexed before the said William Crockett, who hath also certified the same, which commission, oaths and certificates are hereunto annexed. The commissioners then appointed Mr William Long their crier, messenger and door keeper, and by the consent of the complainant, and John Williams one of the defendants, who were attending with their respective counsel, the commissioners adjourned until tomorrow morning half after 9 o clock to meet again at the court house

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The commissioners with their clerk met according to adjournment. The complainant with D C Barrett and Ira Spence Esquires his counsel, and also John Williams one of the defendants with Ephraim K Wilson and Irving Spence Esquires his counsel attended. The counsel for the defendants exhibited interrogatories to be propounded to the witnesses produced on their part and behalf. The commissioners then proceeded to the execution of their commission — and on the examinations of the witnesses produced to them this day by and on the part of the said defendants, upon the Interrogatories exhibited by the respective parties the following depositions were taken to wit.

Joseph Porter of Somerset County being forty seven years of age or there about a witness produced on the part and behalf of the defendants in this cause, who having been first duly sworn on the holy evangily of Almighty God. that he would according to the best of his Knowledge, remembrance and belief, truly and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, answer such Interrogatories as should be propounded to him by the said commissioners and who being examined by the said commissioners, deposeth and saith as follow.

Imprimis — To the First Interrogatory filed on the part of the defendants this deponent saith." that he is acquainted with the parties in this cause, that he has been acquainted with John Williams about twenty years with William W.