and that your petitioner have leave to take testimony before such Commissioner in support of their objections to his discharge and they will pray

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order of Court. Whereupon the Court here passed the following order On the matter of the within Petition, It is this 15 day of February 1843. ordered that the same be and it is hereby referred to William A. Stewart, the Commissioner of this Court for Dorchester County, with authority to take the viva examination of Thomas Smoot the Petitioner in Bankruptcy under oath, and also the examination of such witnesses as may be produced before him by either of the parties upon such interrogatories as may be filed with him, and that he reduce the said examinations to writing and return the same to this Court with all due and reasonable dispatch; and it is further ordered that the said Commissioner proceed to take said examinations on Wednesday the first day of March next at 10 o'clock A. M. of that day at his office in Cambridge Dorchester County Maryland of which time and place he will give due notice to the respective parties.

W. S. Heath J. Judge

Afterwards, towit, on the third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three the Court here passed the following Decree in Bankruptcy towit.

In the matter of the Petition in Bankruptcy of Thomas Smoot Farmer } In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maryland

Decree in Bankruptcy. The Petition, list of Creditors, and Inventory thereunto annexed in this Cause, having been read and considered and notice of such petition appearing to have been given pursuant to the requisition of the Act of Congress in such Case made and provided: It is thereupon

this third day of March in the year Eighteen hundred and forty third by me Upton S. Heath Judge of the District Court of the United States in and for the District of Maryland, adjudged, ordered and decreed (no cause being shewn to the contrary) that the said Thomas Smoot be, and he is hereby deemed and declared to be a Bankrupt and it is further adjudged and ordered, that Thursday the fifteenth day of June in the year eighteen hundred and forty three be and it is hereby appointed for the further hearing of the petition aforesaid and that the said Thomas Smoot by advertisement to be inserted once a week for the space of ten weeks in the Republican and Argus, and in the Cambridge Chronicle and also by letter addressed to each of his Creditors at their known usual places of residence (except to where they may reside in the Town of Cambridge, (in which case personal service shall be required) give notice to all Creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, to appear before this Court at its Court Room in the City of Baltimore, at 10 o'clock A. M. of that day, to shew cause (if any) why a certificate and discharge shall not be granted him. And it is further adjudged and ordered that William W. Laird be and he is hereby appointed assignee of said Bankrupt, and that he give bond to the United States in the sum of five thousand dollars with two sureties to be approved by the Court, conditioned for the due and faithful discharge of all his duties as such and for his compliance with the orders and directions of this Court

U. S. Heath J. Judge

Afterwards towit. on the twenty sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three the said William W. Laird assignee of the said Thomas Smoot filed in the District Court here his Bonds as such assignee in the words following towit.