And now March the Fifteenth A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty one at the execution of the Commission herein annexed issued out of Baltimore County Court on the eleventh day of March instant directed to me E. Spencer Miller empowering me to examine witnesses in a case depending in said Court wherein Elizabeth Cooke is Plaintiff and Mary Ann Kell (widow) Mary Ann Kell Thomas Kell Emeline Kell James Reynolds & Eleanor his wife and Augustus H. Bradford & Elizabeth his wife and Defendants, I, E. Spencer Miller the said Commissioner in said Commission named by virtue thereof sitting this Fifteenth day of March aforesaid at my office No 99 South Fourth Street in the City of Philadelphia State of Pennsylvania at four O'clock P.M. & having taken the oath to said Commission annexed before a person duly qualified to administer the same, proceed to take the following testimony or deposition in answer to the interrogatories annexed to or accompanying said Commission, to wit:

Lloyd Bankson a witness produced on the part of the plaintiff being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposes and says as follows to wit.

1st To the First Interrogatory on the part of the Plaintiff he deposes and says: I do know Elizabeth Cooke the Plaintiff in this action, I have known her more than forty years. Her maiden name as I knew her & called her was Eliza Bankson, we called her usually Eliza not Elizabeth. Her father's name was Joseph Bankson her mother Henrietta Bankson or as some called her Hetty Bankson.

2nd To the second Interrogatory on the part of the Plaintiff he deposes & says I do know Joseph Bankson the Elder. He is dead. He died in the city of Philadelphia about the year 1806. He was formerly of the City of Baltimore. He was my father, Elizabeth Cooke the Plaintiff in this suit is or was the daughter of the said Joseph Bankson the Elder. To the best of my knowledge and belief she is the person named as Elizabeth Bankson in the deed from Joseph Bankson the elder to his three Children dated the fourteenth day of May A.D. 1792. a copy whereof is annexed to this Commission marked E.C. No 1 The names of said Children however were named Henry or Harry (not Harriet) Giles Bankson, Joseph Bankson & Elizabeth Bankson.

The Copy of said deed so annexed to this Commission marked E.C. No 1. is for the purpose of better identifying the same and connecting it herewith again marked by me E. C. No 1 & signed by me as Commissioner

E. Spencer Miller Commissioner.

3d To the third Interrogatory on the part of the Plaintiff he deposes & says The grantees in said deed other than the said Elizabeth Bankson namely Henry Giles Bankson & Joseph L. Bankson are dead. Joseph I believe died in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, about the year 1800 - & Henry in Copenhagen, Denmark about the year 1812. I believe they died intestate and without issue. Joseph was about three years old when he died.

E. Spencer Miller Commissioner.

4th To the Fourth Interrogatory on the part of the Plaintiff he deposes & says I know the wife of the said Joseph Bankson the Elder she was my mother. Her name was Henrietta or as some called her Hetty Bankson, she is dead, she died in this City of Philadelphia in the year 1843. She was about eighty three years of age at the time of her death.

E. Spencer Miller Commissioner.

5th. To the Fifth Interrogatory on the part of the Plaintiff he deposes & says I did know John L. Cooke the husband of the Plaintiff. To the best of my knowledge it has been from eight to ten years since he has been heard of or from. I have not heard of or from him for that time. He is reputed to be dead among his acquaintances & connections. His own Children believe him to be dead. I believe him to be dead because I have not heard from or of him for from eight to ten years & because is spoken of as dead & so reputed to be by his family & others. His son went up to the plane in Pennsylvania where he lived & is said to have died & was told by the physician there that attended him that he was dead.

Lloyd Bankson.

Sworn & subscribed before me by the said Lloyd Bankson this fifteenth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty one.

E. Spencer Miller.
Commissioner.

And no further witnesses being produced before me the said Commission and the execution of the same are now here closed this fifteenth day of March aforesaid. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Fifteenth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred & fifty one.

E. Spencer Miller (Seal)
Commissioner

"Cooke vs Kell"

A. E. Spencer Miller Commissioner

Additional Interrogatory to be propounded to Lloyd Bankson a witness produced & sworn on the part of the Plaintiff.

How many Children according to the best of your information knowledge and belief had your father at the time of the execution of the deed of May 14 1792 referred to in the second interrogatory?

How many Children had he afterwards and how many of them are now living? If any of them are dead. State whether they died intestate and without issue.

Did you ever hear of your fathers having any other Child named Elizabeth or Eliza except the Plaintiff.

Neilson Poe Atty for Plff.

Further additional Interrogatory to Lloyd Bankson on the part of the Plaintiff. What was the maiden name of your mother?

Neilson Poe for Plff.

These are the additional interrogatories mentioned by me in my second return to the annexed Commission as filed by the Counsel for the plaintiff and marked A.

E. Spencer Miller Commissioner.

"Elizabeth Cooke vs Mary Ann Kell &c"

In Baltimore County Court. [B]

Cross Interrogatories to be put to Lloyd Bankson as witness produced and examined on the part of the Plaintiff.

1st Have you any interest direct or indirect which in your Opinion