Saint Marys Counties returnable to the next Term of the said Court at which next Term to wit March Term 1834 the sheriff of Saint Marys County made return of the said subpoena against the defendant Edward Plater thus endorsed "N.E." and at the same Term the sheriff of Prince Georges County made return of the said subpoena thus endorsed "not summ^d" Watson and wife" and afterwards at the same Term writs of subpoena were renewed to Prince Georges and Saint Marys Counties returnable to the next Term of the said Court at which next Term to wit July Term 1834 the sheriff of Saint Marys County made return of the said subpoena thus endorsed "N.E. Edward Plater" and at the same Term the sheriff of Prince Georges County made return of the said subpoena thus endorsed "not summ^d Watson and wife," and afterwards at the Term last aforesaid writs of subpoena were renewed to Prince Georges and Saint Marys Counties returnable to the next Term of the said Court at which next term to wit September Term 1834 the sheriff of Prince Georges County made return of the said subpoena thus endorsed "not summ^d" and at the same Term the sheriff of Saint Marys County made return of the said subpoena thus endorsed "N.E." and afterwards at the same term writs of subpoena were renewed to Prince Georges and Saint Marys Counties returnable to the next term of the said Court at which next term to wit December Term 1834 the sheriff of Saint Marys County made return of the said subpoena thus endorsed "N.E." and afterwards at the term last aforesaid writs of subpoena were renewed to Prince Georges and Saint Marys Counties returnable to the next term of the said Court at which next term to wit March Term 1835 the sheriff of Saint Marys County made return of the subpoena against the defendant Edward Plater thus endorsed "summ^d" and at the same term the sheriff of Prince Georges County made return of the said subpoena thus endorsed "not summ^d" and afterwards at the term last aforesaid a writ of subpoena was renewed to Prince Georges County returnable to the next Term of the said Court at which next Term to wit July Term 1835 the said subpoena was returned thus endorsed "Watson and wife non residents" And the said cause thus standing was continued from term to term until March term 1838 at which term a commission was issued to John Bozman Kerr Esq^r of Talbot County to make the answer of the Infant defendants residing in said County to the said Bill and afterwards at the same term a Commission was issued to Benjamin G Harris Esquire of Saint Marys County to take the answer of the infant defendant John A Forbes to the said Bill and afterwards at the same Term came the Complainant aforesaid by John Johnson Esquire his solicitor and filed his petition in the said cause in the words following to wit

William Plater adm^r of John R. Plater,
vs
Edward Jones, and Sarah his wife, et al.

In Chancery
The petition of the complainant respectfully represents that on or about the ninth day of October eighteen hundred and thirty two he filed his bill in this Honorable Court against Edward Jones and others for relief &c That three of the defendants therein named, to wit Charles Darnall, William G Ridgely and Sophia his

wife, were stated to be, and were in fact non residents and an order of publication was prayed and passed against them, but by some inadvertance the same never was published - The complainant further represents to your Honor, that two of the other defendants to wit Philemon Watson and Elizabeth his wife since the filing of said bill have removed from this state and are now non residents, and that the subpoenas which issued against them were not served - He therefore prays your Honor to permit the said order of publication to be renewed, including therein, the said Watson and wife - and he will pray &c

J. Johnson Sol^r for compl^t

On which petition the Chancellor passed the following order

In Chancery 26^th April 1838

Ordered, That leave be granted to amend the bill stating the non residence of the other defendants and that a new order of publication be passed as prayed by the aforegoing application

Theodorick Bland Ch^r

and afterwards at the same Term came the complainant aforesaid by his solicitor aforesaid and filed in the said cause his amended Bill in the words following to wit

To the Honorable Theodorick Bland Chancellor of Maryland

The amended Bill of Complaint of William Plater adm^r of John R. Plater - Humbly shows, That heretofore he filed his Bill of complaint in this Honorable Court against certain Edward Jones and Philemon Watson and Elizabeth his wife and others for relief and so forth - in which said Bill the said Philemon Watson and Elizabeth his wife are charged to reside within the limits of this State - But your orator now charges by way of amendment that since the filing of the said Bill the said Philemon Watson and Elizabeth his wife have removed out of the State of Maryland - To the end therefore that the said Philemon Watson and Elizabeth his wife may answer the aforesaid original bill of complaint and this amendment and that your orator may have adequate relief in the premises, May it please your Honor to grant unto your orator an order of publication giving notice to the said defendants Philemon Watson and Elizabeth his wife warning them to be and appear in this Court to answer the premises &c

John Johnson for Compl^t

and thereupon the Chancellor passed an order of publication in the said cause against the non resident defendants in the words following to wit

William Plater adm^r of John R. Plater
vs
Charles Darnall and William G Ridgely and Sophia his wife and Philemon Watson and Elizabeth his wife & others

In Chancery 27^th April 1838

The object of the bill filed in this cause is to obtain a decree for the payment of the sum due on account of the purchase of the land hereinafter mentioned by a sale of the same in case the personal estate is insufficient and for a conveyance - The Bill states that John R Plater in the year 1817 sold to a certain John Darnall a tract or parcel of land called Great Elkton Head Manor containing nine hundred and