hundred and nine dollars, with interest, that said John R Plater hath departed this life without conveying said land to said John Darnall and that the legal title to said land is in the following persons the heirs at law of said John R Plater, to wit, William Plater, Stephen and Elizabeth Gough, Edward Plater, William G Ridgely and Sophia his wife John Rousby Forbes, John Plater, Charlotte Matilda Plater, and Ann Elizabeth Plater and that letters of administration on the personal estate of said John R Plater have been granted to the complainant William Plater, that the defendants Charles Darnall and William G Ridgely and Sophia his wife and Philemon Watson and Elizabeth his wife, reside out of the State of Maryland. It is therefore ordered that the complainant by causing a copy of this order to be published in some newspaper once in each of three successive weeks before the 30th day of May next, give notice to the said non resident defendants of the substance and object of the bill that they may be warned to appear in this Court in person or by a solicitor on or before the 27th day of September next to show cause if any they have, why a Decree should not be passed as prayed.

True Copy. Test. Ramsay Waters, Reg. Cur. Can.

Office of the National Intelligencer. Washington June 1. 1838.

We hereby certify that the advertisement of which the annexed is a copy was published in the National Intelligencer once a week for three successive weeks commencing on the 3d of may 1838.

Gales & Seaton.

and afterwards to wit, on the 29th day of June 1838 the Commissioner Benjamin G Harris Esq. made return of his said Commission with the answer of the Infant defendant John R Forbes to the said Bill in the words following to wit.

Maryland, Set. The State of Maryland, To Benjamin G Harris of Saint Marys County, Greeting. Whereas William Plater hath lately exhibited his bill of complaint before us, in our High Court of Chancery, against John R Forbes & others Defendants, and whereas, we have, by our writ lately commanded the said defendant to appear before us in our said Chancery, at a certain day, to answer the said bill, but for as much as the said John R Forbes is an Infant under age and cannot answer the said bill, nor defend this suit without having a guardian assigned in that behalf. Know ye therefore, that we have given unto you full power and authority, in pursuance of the special order in our said Court, to assign and appoint a Guardian for the aforesaid infants and to take the answer of the said infants by such guardian to the said bill, and therefore we command you, that at such certain day and place as you shall think fit, you go to the said defendant if he cannot conveniently come to you, and assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid Infant and take the answer of the said Infant by such guardian to the said bill, on such guardian's corporal oath upon the Holy Evangely to be administered by you, the said answer being distinctly and plainly wrote, and when you shall have so taken the said answer you are to send the same, closed up under your seal, together with your certificate of your having assigned and appointed such guardian as aforesaid and this writ unto us in our said Chancery.

(Seal) Witness the Honorable Theodorick Bland, Chancellor this 29th day of March A. D. 1838.

Test. Ramsay Waters, Reg. Cur. Can.

To the Hon.ble Theodorick Bland, Chancellor of Maryland.

The undersigned respectfully returns, that pursuant to the authority vested in him by the foregoing Commission, he did on the 17th day of June in the year 1838 assign and appoint George Forbes guardian to the infant in said commission named, and did take the answer of the said infant by the said guardian on his corporal oath by the undersigned administered which answer hereto annexed, is herewith returned, together with said Commission. Witness my hand and seal this day of 183 Comr. (Seal)

The answer of John R Forbes infant under the age of twenty one years by George Forbes his guardian in that behalf specially appointed to the bill of complaint of William Plater against this defendant and others in the Court of Chancery exhibited. This defendant answering by his guardian aforesaid to the said bill of complaint say that he admits the truth of the several matters and things charged and set forth in said bill and consents that a decree shall pass as prayed, and pray that the Court will protect his interest in the premises, and prays to be hence dismissed with his costs and so forth.

George Forbes, Guardian.

The Guardian above named makes oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer, are true to the best of his knowledge and belief, Sworn to before the subscriber, Commissioner for that purpose appointed.

Benj.n G. Harris, Comr.

and afterwards that is to say, on the day and year last aforesaid, there was suggested on the Docket of the Court the arrival at age of the defendant Edward Plater. and at the same time the said defendant Edward Plater filed in the said cause his answer to the said bill in the words following to wit, The answer of Edward Plater to the bill of complaint of Wm. Plater and others in the Court of Chancery Exhibited. This defendant answering to the said bill of Complaint saith that he admits the truth of the several matters and things charged and set forth in said bill and consents that a decree shall pass as prayed, and prays to be hence dismissed and so forth.

Edward Plater.

Saint Mary's County to wit, Be it remembered that on this 23d of June 1838 appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Edward Plater and makes oath to the truth of above answer. Sworn before. G. I. Spalding.

and the said cause thus standing was continued until the next Term of the said Court at which next Term to wit July Term 1838 the sheriff of Calvert County made return of the said subpoena thus endorsed "Sum.d Edward Jones N. E. rest." and afterwards at the same Term came Somerville Pinkney Esq.r of Counsel for the said defendants William Jones, Washington Jones, Susan Jones, Edward Jones and Charles Jones and in their behalf appeared to the said suit. and