said defendants John Hoopper and Susan his wife and Anthony Tall to Calvert County returnable to the next Term of the said Court to wit July Term 1839, and afterwards to wit on the 4th day of April 1839 the Commissioner John Bozman Herr Esquire made return of his commission with the answer of the Infant defendants to the said bill in the words following to wit.—

Maryland Set.— The State of Maryland. To John Bozman Herr of Talbot County Greeting— Whereas William Plater hath lately exhibited his bill of complaint before us, in our High Court of Chancery, against John Plater and others defendants, and whereas we have, by our writ, lately commanded the said defendants 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 Plater, Charlotte Matilda Plater and Ann Eliza Plater are infants 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 defendants, if they cannot conveniently come to you, and assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants, and take the answer of the said infants by such guardian to the said bill, on such guardians 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.— Witness the Honorable Theodorick Bland Chancellor this 29th day of March A.D. 1838.—

Test— Ramsay Waters Reg. Cur. Can.—

To the Honorable 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 first day of April in the year eighteen hundred and thirty nine assign and appoint Charlotte M Plater guardian to the infants in said commission named, and did take the answer of the said infants by the said guardian on her corporal oath by the undersigned administered, which answer hereto annexed, is herewith returned together with said commission.— Witness my hand and seal this first day of April 1839.— John Bozman Herr Comr. (Seal)

The answer of John A Plater, Charlotte Matilda Plater and Ann Elizabeth Plater infants under the age of twenty one years, by Charlotte M. Plater their guardian in that behalf specially appointed, to the bill of complaint of William Plater against these defendants and others in the court of Chancery Exhibited.— The defendants answering by their guardian aforesaid, to the said bill of complaint, say that they admit the truth of the several matters and things charged and set forth in said bill, and are willing that a decree shall pass as prayed, and

pray that the Court will protect their interest in the premises, and they pray to be hence dismissed with their costs and so forth.—

C. M. Plater 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 her knowledge and belief— Sworn to before the subscriber Commissioner for that purpose appointed.—

John Bozman Herr.—

And the said cause thus standing was continued until the next term of the said Court, at which next term to wit July Term 1839 the sheriff of Calvert County made return of the said subpoena thus endorsed "Cum'd." and afterwards at the same term an attachment to appear was issued against the defendants John Hoopper and Susan his wife and Anthony Tall returnable to the next term of the said Court to wit September Term 1839, and afterwards to wit on the 25th day of September 1839 came the defendants John Hoopper and Susan his wife and Anthony Tall by their counsel Alexander Randall Esquire and filed in the said cause their answers in the words following to wit.—

To the Honorable Theodorick Bland, Chancellor.—

The answer of John Hoopper and Susan (formerly Jones) his wife to the Bill original, of revivor and amended of William Plater administrator of John A Plater against them and others in the High Court of Chancery exhibited.— These Defendants for answer to so much of the said Bills of Complaint as they are advised it is material for them to answer unto answering say that they admit the sale of the property the names of the parties and their interest as stated in said Bill, but these defendants deny that the Exhibit D. to the complainants original bill does state the correct balance due, and for more particular information they refer to the answers of William Jones, Washington Jones and others filed sixth September 1838 for a statement of the true quantity of acres and of the true amount now due of said purchase money, and pray that the exhibits to these answers exhibits E. and F. and I. may be taken as parts of this answer, and that they may be dismissed with their costs &c.—

John Hoopper.—

On this 23 day of September 1839 before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for Anne Arundel County personally appears the above named John Hoopper and makes oath that the statements and facts in the aforegoing answer set forth are true to the best of his knowledge and belief— Wm. Bryan.—

I agree that the within answer shall have the same effect as if sworn to by Susan Hoopper.— J. Johnson, Sol. for Complt.

To the Hon'ble Theodorick Bland Chancellor.—

The answer of Anthony Tall of Calvert County to the bills original amended and of Revivor of Wm. Plater against him and others in the High Court of Chancery Exhibited.— His defendant for answer to so much of the said Bills as he is advised it is material for him to answer unto answering say that he admits the sale of the property the interests of the parties and their names as set forth in the bills, but he denies that there