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hundred and forty four the Commissioners aforesaid made return of their said commission with their proceedings under the same in the words following to wit.—

Maryland Set, The State of Maryland J. Samuel S. Hays, Abraham (Seal) S. Hays, David Trundle, Thomas Hyde and Colmore Offutt of Montgomery County. Greeting, Know ye that we have pursuant to an order of our Court of Chancery this day passed in the cause of John Bennett, Thomas Hodges of Walter and Matilda Ann his wife, against Henry Cooley and wife and others fully authorised and empowered you or any three of you to go to, enter upon walk over and survey the tracts or parcels of land in the proceedings in this cause mentioned and to make out or cause to be made out a plat of the same, and to divide the same into four equal parts having regard to quantity and quality, whereof one part is to be allotted to the complainant John Bennett one part to the complainant Matilda Ann wife of Thomas Hodges one part to the defendant Edney wife of Henry Cooley and one part to the defendants John William, Mary Elizabeth and Matilda Ann Ricketts, and to make out or cause to be made out a plat of the said lands with a certificate of the beginning and courses and an accurate description thereof and of each part according to the division by you made, and when you shall have so done you or any three of you who shall act are to certify and return into our said Court of Chancery without delay your acts and proceedings in the premises by your certificate distinctly and plainly written closed up under your several seals or seals of such majority of you as shall act provided nevertheless that before you or any of you shall act in the premises you or such of you as are to act shall each take the oath hereunto annexed, and we do give any three or one of you full power and authority jointly or severally to administer such oath on the Holy Evangelist.—

Witness The Honorable Theodorick Bland Chancellor this 23d day of February 1843.—

Test — Louis Gassaway Reg. Cur. Cancr.—

Commissioners Oath. You shall according to the best of your skill and judgment make the partition as directed by the commission hereto annexed, and in all things truly and faithfully execute the powers given and perform the duties required of you by the commission without favor or partiality to or prejudice or ill will against any person whatever interested therein — So help you God.—

On the 5th day of January 1844 then came Thomas W. Hyde and Colmore Offutt before me one of the commissioners within named and qualified as commissioners by taking the above oath.—

Sworn before me.— Abraham S. Hays.—

I certify that Abraham S. Hays one of the commissioners within named came before me and qualified by taking the oath that I have taken on my part the date above written.—

Sworn Before me.— Thomas W. Hyde.—

To the Honorable the Chancellor of the State of Maryland.—

In virtue of the powers vested in us by the annexed commission

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we certify and return that in the execution of the said commission we in the first place took the oath accompanying it, and having employed the surveyor of the County to go upon and make a survey of all the land of which William Bennett late of Montgomery County died seized and possessed of at the time of his death and to make out a plat or plats of such survey preparatory to our proceeding to execute said commission and that upon the completion of said survey the parties interested having been previously notified we met upon the land in company with the said surveyor on the 5th day of January Inst. and having been by him shewn the metes and bounds of the same and after going over said land as directed by the annexed commission and by that means having ascertained the real value thereof and having also ascertained that the said William Bennett at the time of his death left a widow who is still living and entitled by law to her right of dower in his real estate and after due deliberation we did thereupon ascertain and lay off the said widows dower and did also make partition and allotment of the said land fairly and equally in value between all the parties interested according to their several just proportion thereof which was surveyed and laid off in our presence all which in manner and form and by courses metes and bounds as by the said surveyors plats and certificates is fully set forth which plats and certificates we request may be taken as a part of this our return of the execution of the commission aforesaid.—

In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this fifteenth day of January 1844.—

Abra. S. Hays (Seal)
Thomas W. Hyde (Seal)
Colmore Offutt (Seal)

Expenses.—

To Abraham S. Hays for 5 days attendance	—	$10.00
To Thomas Hyde for 5 days Ditto	—	10.00
To Colmore Offutt for 5 " Ditto	—	10.00
To William Chiswell Surveyor 10 " Ditto	—	40.00
To Ditto for plats and certificates	—	20.00
To Thomas Andrew chain carrier for 9 Ditto	—	9.00
To John Witton, Ditto for 8 Ditto	—	8.00
To Warner Selman, Poleman for 4 Ditto	—	4.00
To Thomas Peters, Ditto for 1½ Ditto	—	1.50
To Baton Clagett, Ditto for 2 Ditto	—	2.00
To Thomas Hodges for board of hands and services	—	25.00
		$139.00

Maryland Montgomery County Set.—

I hereby certify that in pursuance with the instructions of Messrs. Abraham S. Hays and others gentlemen commissioners named in the annexed commission, I carefully surveyed and laid off the lands of which William Bennett late of Montgomery County died seized and possessed of and find the same to comprise the following tracts and parts of tracts of land to wit, A tract of land called "Redmont" part of a tract called "The Resurvey on Williams Chance" part of a tract called "The Resurvey on Griffiths Chance" part of a tract called:—