Lastly Do you know any other matter or thing that would benefit complainant, If yea state the same

Otho Scott, Sol. for Compltt.

No. 6

Hope, vs Hutchins } In Equity. Cross Interrogatories to be propounded to Standiford a witness produced and sworn on behalf of Compltt.

1st Were you or not one of the witnesses for said complainant in the case of said Hutchins vs said Hope in Harford County County Court referred to in the proceedings in this cause & on which the injunction was granted,

2d Was the testimony you then gave at the trial of said suit at law the same as you have stated in answer to complainants interrogatories.

3d Do you or not know that the negroes mentioned in your answer to Compltt. 3d Interrogatory worked for said Hope while they were in his family, If so how long

H. W. Archer Sol. for Deft.

Thomas Hope, vs Thomas Hutchins } 6 In the High Court of Chancery. Commission to take Testimony. To the Honorable the Chancellor of Maryland

The undersigned Commissioner appointed to examine witnesses in the above stated case respectfully returns that in pursuance and by virtue of the power and authority vested in him in and by the annexed commission, having taken the oath endorsed upon the back of said commission for your commissioner to take his appointed Parker H Lee his Clerk to attend the execution of the same and administered to him the oath also endorsed on back of said commission and required to be taken by the Clerk. That your commissioner then gave notice to the parties of the time and place of the opening of the said Commission for the examination of evidence in relation to the cause aforesaid, and on the 31st day of May A.D. 1842 at the office of Henry W Archer Esquire in the Town of Bel Air in Harford County it being the time and place so appointed proceeded in the execution of said Commission the defendant appearing by Henry W Archer his solicitor who filed with your commissioner the Interrogatories herewith returned marked No. 1 and produced William Nelson a witness in his behalf who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, to well and truly answer all such interrogatories touching the cause aforesaid as should then and there be propounded to him answered as follows to wit.

To the 1st Interrog of Compltt. "Yes."

To the 2d Inty. That said paper now shewn him was executed by the parties thereto Hannah Hope and Thomas Hope in the presence of this deponent who signed his name thereto as a witness to the transaction and that said paper was drawn up by this deponent.

To the 3d Inty That he supposes that said paper was drawn up at the request of both Mr & Mrs Hope, That he understood he thinks from both of the parties that Mrs Hope was to have the one third part of said property and that that was the intention of said appraisement,

To the 4th Inty Deponent never heard any dispute between the parties in regard either to the appraisement or the division of said property, neither did he ever hear any complaint from Mrs Hope that his mother had got more of said property than she was entitled to until after her death.

To the 5th Inty Has up to the time and at the time of the execution of the notes referred to in this cause said Hannah Hope was sound in mind and body and capable of understanding matters of business,

To the 6th Inty deponent knows nothing of the amount independent of the notes but whatever amount they call for was then agreed to be paid by said Thos Hope.

To the 7th Inty That deponent was present at the execution of the said notes attested the same & has no recollection of said Thos Hope pretending that he was not so indebted at the time, and further deponent saith not.

The paper referred to by witness in his answer to the second Interrogatory was here filed by defendant and marked "Articles of Agreement A" There being no other witness then present to examine the Commission was then adjourned for the time being

A. L. Jarrett Comr.

Bel Air 12th March 1843.

At the instance of defendants counsel the undersigned again opened said Commission for the purpose of taking testimony in his behalf the complainant having been previously notified thereof but neither party appearing the commission was adjourned until the 17th day of April then next following.

Bel Air 17th April 1843.

This being the day to which the said Commission stood adjourned but neither part being in attendance the same was further adjourned until the 18th Inst. the next day.

April 18th 1843.

In pursuance of the adjournment the commission was again opened the parties by their respective counsel being present when the said Defendant filed with your commissioner the Interrogatories marked Defendants Interrogatories No. 2 and the paper marked "Articles of Agreement B" and exhibit No. 2 and produced William Nelson the Witness heretofore examined by him who testified in answer to said Interrogatories as follows to wit.

To the 1st Inty. That the Articles of agreement now shewn him marked Exhibit No. 2, was written by Abel Alderson that the same was executed by Thomas and Hannah Hope, that he dont know but he think it likely that the instrument referred to as the above instrument was the articles of agreement heretofore proven by him and filed with the Commissioner marked A.

To the 2d Inty That said property was so divided Deponent and said Alderson were called upon to appraise the property and did so and a division of the property took place between them but it was not made by deponent and Alderson, That they made out a list of property and appraised it and the property was divided, and this deponent never heard of any dissatisfaction about it until the commencement of this proceeding.

To the 3d Inty Dont know any thing about it.

To the 4th Inty That at the time of said appraisement and for several years thereafter deponent lived in the neighbourhood and saw the parties