the advertisement, His reliance on his cousins statement coming as it did directly from the friends of Mr. Dorsey, was such as to prevent him from making any further enquiry as to the time of sale of the property and to induce him to dismiss the matter from his mind.

Deponent cannot say that he had fixed upon a limit to the price to which he would have bid if he had attended the sale, perhaps he would have gone above the sum which he might have intended to bid. If deponent has attended the sale he would have given sixty dollars per acre for the property he had made up his mind to give as much as that.

Deponent has no hesitation in stating that if circumstances were such that he were now free to be a bidder he would now give that amount for the property. If the property were to day in the market and could not be bought for less he would give that amount for it.

Deponent never made to Mr. Johnson an offer of an advance on his purchase. Cross examined by J. S. Alexander Esquire, Deponent has not examined the property particularly, but he has examined it sufficiently to ascertain that he would be justified in giving what he has above stated he would give for it. There are no reasons why the property would be particularly desirable to deponent except that such farms are not generally in the market. He has no desire for this property particularly or no peculiar attachment to the neighbourhood. He has for some time been desirous of buying a suitable farm when one would offer and this from its extent locality and other qualities was adapted to his views. Deponent had not examined the buildings on the place before the sale, when he visited the place after the sale he did not examine the improvements minutely supposing that the property had been sold. He considered the dwelling house good enough for him deponent. He saw many of the fences which required renewal. Examination in chief resumed, Deponent believes the market value of the property to be at least sixty dollars per acre. His opinion of the property is formed from what he knows of it and from the opinions which he has heard others on whose judgment he relies express of it. Further cross examined Deponent knows nothing of the crops which have been made on the property nor does he think that it has been properly cultivated. He considers the cleared land from its appearance to be naturally good land the woodland by the road side is rather poor.

Daniel B. Banks a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the exceptant being duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, deposes and says that he was at the sale of the property to which these proceedings relate, He did not bid for the property or go with the intention of bidding. He knows nothing of the value of the property. In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal on the ninth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven. Alexander B. Wolfe. (Seal)

Magistrates fees for taking depositions $2.66.

Memorandum, In Mr. Boyds testimony in Chief he stated that he was further informed by his cousin in the conversation alluded to that she had examined the newspapers & did not find the advertisement.

This testimony was objected to as inadmissible and was excluded but is now inserted by agreement between the counsel as part of said testimony subject to exceptions. A. B. Wolfe.

The Neptune Insurance Company vs. Rebecca Dorsey. } In Chancery. In the matter of the petition and exceptions of Edward H. Dorsey. I, Alexander B. Wolfe a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for the City of Baltimore do hereby certify that in pursuance of the annexed order of the Court of Chancery Court of the State of Maryland the notice thereby required having been given as appears by the admission of service thereof herewith filed, I did proceed on Monday the twelfth day of July in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty seven at o clock A. M. in the presence of Walter Fernandis Junior Esquire solicitor for Edward H. Dorsey the exceptant and of Thomas J. Alexander Esquire solicitor for Reverdy Johnson Esquire the purchaser of the property to which the proceedings in this cause relate to take the following depositions to wit.

William E. Thomas a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the exceptant being conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath solemnly sincerely and truly declared and affirmed that, He is acquainted with the property to which the proceedings in this cause relate. He has repeatedly been on it. It is very capitae land the value of the property at a low estimate is sixty dollars per acre deponent thinks that a low valuation he thinks that he has been on the property and at the house within the last eight months. He thinks that sixty dollars per acre would be a low price at which to purchase the property at public sale.

Cross examined by J. S. Alexander Esquire, Deponents opinion is derived from his knowledge of the place it being good farming land, so far as he knows the whole of the land is very good and productive he knows none naturally more productive. Deponent should not consider the land in a good state of improvement, he cannot answer as to the state of the fences, so well as he recollects when he was there they were in a fair state.

The dwelling house is in a pretty fair state, Deponent is not able to say any thing as to the condition or extent of the out houses supposing the dwelling house and the outhouses to be in a fair state the land well farmed and the improvements in a good condition the property would be worth one hundred dollars per acre. Deponent estimates the value of the place at sixty dollars per acre in its present condition he has sold land in the neighbourhood a small farm of forty five acres in a high state of cultivation with good improvements for over three hundred dollars per acre, the buildings on this last mentioned place might have cost from six to eight thousand dollars. Deponent is a merchant by profession he carries on farming and considers himself acquainted with the value and productions of land.

Daniel Warfield a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the exceptant being duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God deposes and says that he knows the property to which these proceedings relate by reputation, Passing along the road he has seen it but never was on it It frequently occurred to deponent that he would like to own the property. Deponent did not attend the sale, he does not know that he thought of it, on the day of sale, he knew that it was in the market. His reason for not