the State of Maryland and beyond the Jurisdiction of your Honorable Court and thereby prevent your Petitioners and the other creditors of said Zachariah Dent from recovering their just claims they therefore pray your Honors as a further order in said case now depending to grant them a writ of injunction restraining and prohibiting the said Zachariah Dent, Priscilla M Richards and George T Richards her husband or their agents from removing said negroes from the State of Maryland until the final adjudication of said suit or the further order of your Honorable Court the names of the negroes conveyed are negro man Jim aged forty seven negro Tom aged four years Boy Dick aged twelve years Henry aged eight years Alexander five years Peggy thirty one years Eleanor thirteen years Lydia seventy years and that your Honors will pass such other and further order in the premises as may appear right and proper and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray —

Peter W Crain —
J N. Tuvin, for Pltfs —

State of Maryland Charles County to wit — Be it remembered that on this 25th day of October 1844 personally appears before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County and State aforesaid Allison Roberts and makes oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the facts stated in the aforegoing petition are true to the best of his knowledge and belief —

Sworn before — John Hughes —

Let an Injunction issue as prayed —
Oct 25. 1844 — C. Dorsey —

Injunction and subpa iss. 25th Oct 1844 —

Benjamin Swann
Samuel Swann
Theophilus Swann by
John Hughes their
Guardian and next friend
vs
Zachariah Dent, George
T Richards and Priscilla
Richards his wife —

In Charles County Court sitting as a Court of Equity —
November Term 1844 —
In this case the parties defendants having been returned summoned and failing to appear and answer the bill of complaint of Complainants, and it appearing to the Court that the parties are entitled to relief but to what relief doth not appear — It is thereupon this thirtieth day of December Anno Domini eighteen hundred and forty four ordered adjudged and decreed that the bill of complaint be taken pro confesso against the absent defendants and that a commission ex parte issue to Edward Turner to take testimony in this cause in support of the allegations of said Bill of Complaint — W. B. Stone —

To the Honorable the Judges of Charles County Court sitting as a Court of Equity — The Petition of Benjamin Swann, Samuel Swann Theophilus Swann by John Hughes their guardian and next friend respectfully states to your Honors that they filed their bill of complaint in your Honorable Court against Zachariah Dent, and others that since the filing of said bill Allison Roberts has departed this life and that John Hughes has been appointed and qualified as Guardian

to your Petitioners and they therefore pray that said John Hughes may be permitted to appear as their Guardian and next friend in said suit and be allowed as such to prosecute the same — P. W. Crain, for Pltf.

Benjamin Swann
Samuel Swann,
Theophilus Swann
by John Hughes
their next friend
vs
Zachariah Dent
George T Richards and
Priscilla Richards —

In Charles County Court as a Court of Equity —
November Term 1844 —
Ordered that the prayer of the within Petition be granted and that John Hughes may appear as the Guardian and next friend of Benjamin Swann and others in their suit vs Zachariah Dent and others
Dec. 30th 1844 — W. B. Stone —

To the Hon Judges of Chs. Co Court as a Court of Equity or either one of them — The petition of Zachariah Dent, Geo T Richards and Priscilla M. his wife humbly shows that a bill was filed in this Court on the 25th of October 1844 by Allison Roberts Guardian of Ben Sam and Theophilus Swann infants charging fraud in the execn of a bill of sale and deed conveying certain personal property and real profits to the amount of seven thousand dollars to the above named Priscilla M, and a subpoena issued requiring them to appear on the third Monday of November and answer said bill of complt and that said Roberts died on the 27th of Nov. and on the 30th day of Dec. 1844 an order was passed by the Court to issue a commission ex parte to Edward Turner to substantiate the charges contained in the said bill of Complaint and on the same day a petition was filed to make Jno. Hughes the complainant — for the infants to prosecute this suit he having been appointed Guardian by the Orphans Court in the place of Allison Roberts (dec.) your Petitioners ask that they may be permitted to come in and answer the said bill of Complaint and be made parties to the commission in this case and have benefit of the same and your orators state that on the return dy of the subpoena the weather was inclement so that they could not even answer to the subpoena and they were really ignorant as to the object and requests of the summons and believing no injustice can be done in this case by the appearance and they believe it will be for the justice and right of all concerned they hope their prayer will be granted &c &c they herewith file their answers —

R. S. Reeder for Respondents —

The Court grant the prayer and order that the petitioners have leave to appear to the original Bill answer the same and upon answer being filed to be made parties to the commission — C. D. —

The answer of Geo T Richards and Priscilla M. Richards his wife to the bill of Complaint of Jno Hugh as guardian of Benjamin Swann Samuel Swann and Theophilus Swann humbly showing says that in reference to the guardianship of the Zachariah Dent and the securities on his bond they know nothing except from and as to the indebtedness of said Dent to the said infants they have no certain knowledge further than from statements of others and they are in possession of no better knowledge of the administration of said Dent on the estate of — Swann and the collection of the money and they say that the said Dent did engage in Mercantile business but as to the extent of his embarrassments they know nothing certainly