mentioned — answer George T Richards observed that Zachariah Dent was giving him money he was afraid he would loose by him that he was a big rascal and that he wished he had never seen or heard of him he said he had no claim to the property conveyed to his wife that he considered it her property and that it had been fixed in some way he did not know how I dont recollect of his saying that his wife had paid for it — Complainants by their Counsel filed with the Commissioner (which is herewith returned with this report) Documents marked C and D as part of their Testimony —

Mason L M Pherson a witness produced on the part of Complainants being sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith —

1st 2d 3d and 4th Interrogatories in chief waived as to this witness —

Int. 5th Do you or do you not know the property possessed by Zachariah Dent on the 18th day of July Anno Domini eighteen hundred and forty four — If you look at the conveyances from Zachariah Dent to Priscilla M Richards wife of George T Richards one of the defendants and marked A and B and annexed to this commission and state whether or not Zachariah Dent possessed any other property not mentioned and included in said conveyances —

Answer I did not know all the property possessed by Zachariah Dent, But I knew portions of it, I know that he possessed two negroes not mentioned in the conveyances, their names were John and Henry they are now in the possession of George T Richards and he claims and owns them as his —

N. 5 Objected to by Respondents Counsel —

Int 6th Do you or do you not know who has been in possession of the property so conveyed since the date of the conveyances If Zachariah Dent has been in possession of any part of it has he used and exercised acts of ownership over it as if no conveyance had been made — Answer Zachariah Dent lives on a portion of the land I know that a man by the name of Carr resides on a portion of the land so conveyed he purchased two or three pounds of nails from the store of George T Richards and he Richards charged them to Zachariah Dent —

Int 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th and 13th Int. in chief waived as to this witness —

Richard Johnson a witness produced on part of Complainants being duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith —

Additional Interrogatory filed on the part of Complainants to be propounded to the said Richard Johnson —

Int — Since the fifteenth of June 1844 have you or have you not purchased of Zachariah Dent a large quantity of wood for the Steam Mill at Allens Fresh, If you state the amount as nearly as you can recollect — Answer Yes I have purchased wood of Zachariah Dent since the 15th of June 1844 for the use of the Steam Mill to the amount of twenty cords at $2 p. cord amounting to 28$ and that I paid him in meal corn and goods —

The above Int. is objected to by Respondents Counsel —

Robert Bailie a witness produced on part of Complainants being duly

sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith —

Additional Int. filed on part of Complainants propounded to the said Robert Bailie —

Int. Have you or have you not had a conversation with George T Richards in which said Richards admitted to you that some time in May eighteen hundred and forty four he was compelled to borrow a thousand dollars —

Answer He said in May 1844, that some time before that he Georg T Richards had borrowed one thousand dollars —

The following Interrogatory was filed on the part of Respondents and propounded to Robert Bailie —

Int. Did not you hear George T Richards say that Mr Zachariah Dent owed him some $800 dollars after the purchase of all the property and at what time — The above Int objected to by Complainants Counsel —

Answer I heard George T Richards say that he had paid something like nine hundred dollars for Mr Zachariah Dent in several cases in which he was responsible for him, I dont exactly recollect the time, my impression is that this conversation was before I heard of the sale —

Dr Walter B Williams recalled and cross examined by respondents Counsel,

Int. Are you not interested in the result of this suit and are you not liable on some claims for Zachariah Dent — Answer, I have paid one debt for Zachariah Dent for which I was responsible on the 8th of October 1844 and I am responsible for one other debt, Zachariah Dent has promised that I shall not sustain any loss, If I am interested in the result of this suit, I do not know it, I have employed no Counsel and have filed no claim —

Int. If the deeds are not overthrown in this case do you expect to loose your claims — Answer, No I do not, because Zachariah Dent has promised to pay it, and that I should not suffer —

William N Bean a witness produced on the part of Complainants being duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith —

Int. 1st Do you know the parties to this cause, If you state whether or not Priscilla M Richards wife of George T Richards is the daughter of Zachariah Dent — Answer I do know the parties and have always heard that Priscilla M Richards was the daughter of Zachariah Dent —

Int. 2d Do you or do you not know at what time George T Richards removed to Charles County what has been his occupation since his removal and what were his pecuniary circumstances at that time — Answer I recollect he removed to Charles County several years ago at what particular time I do not recollect he has been keeping a tavern and store and has been purchasing negroes I do not know what were his pecuniary circumstances nor do I know of any property that he had —

3d 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th and 13th —

Interrogatories in chief waived as to this witness —

Additional Interrogatory filed on part of Complainants and propounded to Wm M Bean —

Int. Do you or do you not know whether George T Richards purchased his goods in Baltimore on credit and what was his standing there as a merchant — Answer, I cannot say whether or not George T Richards purchased his goods on credit of my own knowledge there have been