that so soon as informed of said last dismissal deponent prepared the foregoing petition and transmitted to the petitioness the same.
Sworn before the words "George T Richards" in eleventh line of this affidavit and for said petitioners" in twelfth line being first interlined
Sworn before William Warfield

On which petition the Chancellor passed the following order.

In Chancery 5 January 1846.

Ordered that a Commission to take testimony issue to such commissioners as may be named by the said petitioners George T Richards and wife unless the said defendants or their solicitor shall name and strike commissioners on or before the last day of the sitting of the present term, as prayed by the foregoing petition.
Theodorick Bland Chr.

And afterwards to wit on the 29th day of January 1846 came the Complainants by their Solicitor aforesaid and caused to be entered on the Docket of the Court a General Application to the answers of the defendants filed in the said cause. And at the same time came the Complainants aforesaid by their Solicitor Thomas S Alexander Esquire and the defendants by their Counsel aforesaid and filed an agreement in the said cause in the words following to wit.

Swann vs. Dent Richards & wife

In Chancery
We agree that the commission directed to be issued in this case on the defendants application shall be issued to George W Matthews of Charles County.
26 Jan'y 1846.
Th S Alexander for Compltt.
Robert J Brent for Deft. Richards & wife.

And thereupon a commission was accordingly issued in pursuance of the said agreement to George W Matthews of Charles County to take Testimony in the said cause. And afterwards to wit on the 9th day of June 1846 came the parties aforesaid by their Solicitors aforesaid and filed in the said cause an agreement in the words following to wit

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

In the Court of Chancery.
In this case we agree that a commission may issue to J Carrere of Baltimore to take testimony in the above mentioned case.
Peter W Crain for Compltt.
June 8th 1846.
R. J. Brent for Deft. Richards & wife.

And thereupon in pursuance of the said agreement a commission was accordingly issued to John Carrere Esquire of the City of Baltimore to take testimony in the said cause. And afterwards to wit on the 17th day of June 1846 the commissioner John Carrere Esquire made return of his said commission with his proceedings under the same in the words following to wit.

Maryland Ss. The State of Maryland To John Carrere of the City of Baltimore Greeting. Know ye that we have appointed you to be our commissioner, to examine witnesses in a cause depending in our High Court of Chancery between Benjamin, Theophilus and Samuel Swann by John Hughes their Guardian complainants and Zachariah Dent and George T

Richards and Priscilla M. his wife Defendants, We therefore require you having first taken the oaths hereunto annexed and also administered the annexed oaths to the person whom you shall appoint as clerk to attend the execution of this commission that at such time and place as to you shall seem convenient you cause to come before you all such witnesses as shall be named and produced to you by either the plaintiff or defendants, and that you examine them on their corporal oaths to be by you administered upon the Holy Evangels of Almighty God touching their knowledge or remembrance of any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid and that you cause notice to be given to the parties or their attorneys of the execution of this commission before you execute the same, and having reduced the depositions of the Witnesses so taken by you into writing you send the same with this our commission close under your hand and seal to us in our High Court of Chancery with all convenient speed. Witness the Honorable Theodorick Bland Esquire Chancellor this 9th day of June Anno Domini 1846.
Test. Louis Gassaway Reg Cur Can.

Commissioners Oath. You shall according to the best of your skill and knowledge truly faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the parties, take the examinations and depositions of all and every witness and witnesses produced and examined by virtue of this commission hereto annexed upon the interrogatories now or which may hereafter, before the said commission is closed be produced to and left with you by either of the said parties. So help you God. Sworn to by John Carrere the within named Commissioner this 11th day of June 1846 before the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for the City of Baltimore.
William Warfield

Clerks Oath. You shall truly faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the parties in this cause take write down and transcribe the depositions of all and every the witness and witnesses produced before and examined by the commissioners named in the commission hereunto annexed, as far forth as you are directed and employed by the said commissioners to take write down and transcribe the said depositions or any of them. So help you God.

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

In Chancery.
Interrogatories on the part of Complainants.
1. Do you or do you not know George T Richards of Charles County.
2. If you was he a merchant during the year 1844.
3. Do you or do you not know that he was indebted to the firms of Watkins Dungan and Rust. T. Hopkins Brother & Co. Savage & Co, Voss & Co and Pike & Ren on or about the fourteenth day of July A. D. 1844.
4. Do you or do you not know the amount of his indebtedness during the whole month of July A. D. 1844 to the above mentioned firms.
5. Do you or do you not know whether George T Richards has ever paid his creditors in Baltimore.
6. If you know any thing relative to the indebtedness of George T Richards