petition to and order of Charles County Court by Commissioners valued at $1251.25 & reported not susceptible of division, which valuation and report being ratified, the said Leonard Coomes as the person Entitled, elected to take the same at its valuation - all which appears of record &c the said Leonard gave his bond with your Complainant and Elizabeth's intestate William P Ford and your Complainant Richard Gardiner his securities conditioned to pay the respective heirs their respective proportions as by a Copy of said Bond will at large appear herewith filed marked Exhibit A.

That Richard Coomes late dec the son is and was entitled to one third of the said valuation and that a balance due him has not been paid but Judgment recovered therefore in favour of this administratrix against your Complainants as by the Short copies thereof herewith filed will appear marked Exhibit B that Leonard Coomes removed from this State and left no property here other than said Land subject to the payment of this balance and where he now resides or whether dead or alive, is not known to your Complainants they have not seen or heard from him for many years. He does not reside it is believed in this State That said land by various assignments and Conveyances afterwards about six eight years ago came into the possession of the late Charles W Semmes charged with and liable for the said balance of which said Semmes in his life time was well aware and which he afterwards promised to pay but failed to do so and his right was levied upon by the Sheriff of this County and sold to satisfy other debts due by said Semmes to persons to your respondents unknown. That at said sale Josias Clements became the purchaser and has now it is believed the possession of said Land. That said Semmes is since dead leaving a widow and several infant children their names unknown Your Complainants being as stated, for the said balance which has been by Judgment recovered against them, they claim that the land is bound and liable for said balance and of which the said C W Semmes in his life time and the said Josias Clements since his death have had notice and they have refused or neglected to pay the same your Complainants therefore pray your Honors to issue the States writ of subpoena Commanding the appearance in this Court of the said Josias Clements and that full & perfect answers on oath be made by him to this their bill of Complaint. And may it please your honors to order & decree a sale of said Land to pay the above lien & appoint a Trustee for that purpose and order & direct the proceeds of said sale to be applied in the first place to the payment of said Lien and the balance distributable and paid over to the persons entitled & to give such other & further relief in the premises as may be lawfull and right and they as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

Wm B Stone for Complainant

The following is Exhibit A refered to in the aforegoing Bill of Complaint Court.

Know all men by these presents that we Leonard Coomes, William P Ford and Richard Gardiner of Charles County and State of Maryland are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just sum of Three thousand Dollers lawful money of the United States to be paid to the said State of Maryland or to the said

States certain Attorney, To which payment well and truely to be made and done we bind ourselves and every of us our and every of our heirs executors & administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals & dated this 22nd day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, whereas the aforesaid Leonard Coomes one of the representatives of Richard Coomes late of Charles County aforesaid deceased, did at the present November Term of Charles County Court Elect to take all the real Estate of the late Richard Coomes deceased, at the valuation of the Commissioners appointed by the said Court to value and divide the said real Estate which said real Estate is called and known by the name of the Two Partners Resurveyed" Part of the Meadows and Part of the Gore, lying and being in the County aforesaid, and containing one hundred and seventy eight acres and three roods of land, which said real Estate was valued by the Commissioners at the sum of seven Dollars per acre amounting to the sum of $1251.25.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Leonard Coomes his heirs executors & administrators do and shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid to such of the heirs and such of the representatives of the said Richard Coomes Deceased as may be entitled by Law to receive the same their several just proportions of the aforesaid sum of one thousand two hundred & fifty one dollers & twenty five cents current money with legal interest thereon from the date hereof on or before the twenty second day of November next, then the above obligation to be void Else to be and remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Leonard Coomes (Seal)
William P Ford (Seal)
Richd Gardiner (Seal)

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of
William Thompson

State of Maryland Charles County towit:

I hereby Certify that the aforegoing is truely copied from the record of the proceedings of Charles County Court.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed the seal of Charles County Court this 9th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty one

(Seal)

John Barnes Clk Chas Coty Cot
True Copy Test W. Mitchell Clerk

The following is Exhibit B refered to in the aforegoing Bill of Complaint towit:

Charles County Court March Term 1844.

State of Maryland at the instance & for the use of Sylvester P Gardiner Admr of Richard Coomes vs Richard Gardiner. — Debt Judgt for 300$ Debt 600$ Da$ Da$ to be released on payt of Int on the Debt from the 22d day of December 1840 till paid. Costs $12.18¾

Test Walter Mitchell Clerk

Same vs Elizabeth Ford Admx of William P Ford. — Debt Judgt 300$ Debt 600$ Da$ Da$ to be released on payt of Int on the Debt from the 22d day of December 1840 until paid. Costs $9.18¾

True Copy Test Walter Mitchell Clk