and order to issue Commission which is as follows, Viz:

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The Defendants having been duly summoned to appear to the Bill of Complaint George Lippy having appeared to said Bill but failing to file his answer thereto and the Defendant Barbary Lippy having failed to appear to said Bill of Complaint.

It is thereupon this 13th day of April in the year 1855, by the Honorable N. Nelson Judge of the Circuit Court for Carroll County Sitting in Equity and by this authority aforesaid ordered and decreed that the Complainant is entitled to relief in the premises. But because it doth not at all appear to what relief the Complainant is entitled it is further aforesaid and ordered that a Commission or Commissions issue to such person or persons as shall be named by the Court to take testimony to support the allegations of the Bill.

N. Nelson

Ordered this 13th day of April 1855 that a Commission in this cause issue to Abner Neal Esqr.

N. Nelson

Thereupon, afterwards to wit on the 30 day of August in the year last aforesaid in pursuance of the aforegoing order of Court, Commission issued to Abner Neal Esquire to take testimony in said aforegoing cause in form following to wit

State of Maryland Carroll County, to wit

The State of Maryland to Abner Neal Commissioner Gentleman Greeting: Be it known that you are appointed Commissioner to examine evidence in a case depending in the Circuit Court for Carroll County sitting as a Court of Equity between Peter Mason Keimer Complainant and George Lippy & Barbara Lippy Defendants. We therefore require you having first taken the oath hereunto annexed and also administer the annexed oath to the person whom you shall appoint as Clerk to attend the execution of the Commission that at such time & place as to you shall seem convenient you cause to come before you all such evidences as shall be named & produced to you by either the Complainant & defendant and that you examine them upon their Corporal Oaths to be by you administered unto the Holy Evangely of Almighty God touching their Knowledge or remembrance of anything that may relate to the cause aforesaid, and that you cause notice be given to the parties & 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 Commission closed under your hand and seal to us in the Circuit Court for Carroll County Sitting as a Court of Equity with all convenient speed

Witness the Honorable Madison Nelson Chief Judge of our said Court the ninth day of July 1855

Issued the 30th day of August 1855.

(Seal)

Wm P. Bayly Clerk

The Complainant afore said by his Solicitor aforesaid before the

the execution of the foregoing Commission files with the Commission the following interrogatories to be propounded to Witnesses produced on the part of the Complainant.

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Interrogatories to be propounded to Witness produced by Complainant.

Interrogatory 1st Do you know the parties Complainant and Defendant and if yea how long have you known them.

Interr 2nd Where does the Defendant Barbara Lippy reside & does she live seperate and apart from the said George Lippy and if yea how long has she so lived & where.

Interr 3rd Has long has the said Barbara resided where she now does & has she during all that time until the sale hereof to the Complainant used the said Land as her own free from the interference and control of the said George Lippy & has she during said time made any improvements on said Land, and if so, to what value & has she contracted any debts for said improvements put on said Land, and if yea, to what amount & has the said Barbara any means to pay said debts, or apply as a charge on said Land & do you know whether the said George Lippy has refused to pay any of the debts contracted by said Barbara, and if so, what reason and the assign for his refusal & have you ever heard the said George Lippy claim or say that he was protected from liability for the support & debts of the said Barbara in consideration of the agreement for seperation entered into between them &

Interr 4th Will the interest upon the amount of money for which the said Barbara sold said Land to the Complainant afford her a better support than was the rent of said Land & what rent was said Land let for & has it so let for & has the said Barbara, and is she able to conduct and manage said farm to her own account.

Int 5th Has the said Barbara any other means of support than the said Land or the Purchase money thereof.

Int 6th Do you know any other matter or thing material to any of the parties to this suit & if yea state it.

Wm P. Maulsby
Solicitor for Complainant

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Interrogatories to be propounded to Major Jacob Mathias a witness produced by Complainant.

Interrogatory 1st Do you know the parties Complainant and Defendants If yea how long have you known them.

Int 2nd Look at the paper now shown you marked Exhibit G.L. B.L. was said paper executed by George Lippy and Barbara Lippy whose names are signed thereto at the day it bears date & are you the subscribing witnesses to said paper & do you know whether the terms and conditions stated in said paper were complied with by both the parties thereto immediately after the date thereof and whether from that time to the present the said George and Barbara have lived seperate and apart according to the terms and provisions of said "Agreement"