At the foot whereof is thus Endorsed, To wit

This answer is admitted without oath to have the same effect as if duly sworn to. R. J. Brent for Complt

The Exhibit marked A. referred to in the foregoing answer is as follows, to wit:

Respondents Exhibit A.

John B. Gray and Jane M. Gray vs. John M. Gordon } In the Circuit Court for the United States for the Fourth Judicial Circuit District of Maryland.

In Equity

To the Honorable Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Fourth Circuit. District of Maryland. Sitting in Equity

The Bill of Complaint of John Bowie Gray and Jane M. Gray his wife of the County of Stafford and State of Virginia Exhibited against John M. Gordon, Hanson Thomas, Isaac Tyson Jr, David Reiner, Christian Yeager, Alexander Fisher, A. B. Gordon, William Smith Reese, John S. Wright, W. H. D. C. Wright, Robert J. Brent, Robert C. Wright, Henry May, Eben Farson, James J. Lawn, F. A. Severing and John F. Pickrell of the State and District of Maryland and Henry A. Thompson, Jackson and Santa Clara Mining Association of Baltimore also of the District of Maryland aforesaid humbly sheweth unto your Honor that heretofore to wit on or about the 22d day of December in the year 1848 one John P. Christie for himself and as the Attorney in fact duly constituted and appointed and Empowered by certain Letters of Attorney in writing of Josiah Bragg, William Blackburn, George C. Cook, Josiah Belden, Jacob R. Snyder, Henry F. Pitts, John Record and Thomas O. Larkin to act for said Parties and to bind them by signing their names said Parties being the legal owners of certain property herein after mentioned did convey by Deed in writing for a good and valuable consideration unto your Orators John B. Gray and Jane M. Gray certain Lands containing Mines of Lead & Silver Ore of great value situated in the then jurisdiction of San Jose de Guadalupe in the then District of Alta California and better known as the Ranchos de los Capitanillos Nuevo lying in the County of Santa Clara in the State of California all of which will fully and at large appear from a Copy of said Deed which is herewith filed and made a part of this Bill marked Complainants Exhibit A. reference being had thereto. And your Orators further states that being thus the lawful owners of said Lands and mines and being desirous to render the same productive and valuable your Orators conveyed by Deed in writing bearing on the 6th day of June 1850 unto the Defendants Isaac Tyson Jr. David Reiner, Hanson Thomas, John M. Gordon and Alexander Fisher in trust for the members of a certain Association for working said mines to be called the Santa Clara Mining Association of Baltimore which it was proposed to organized at the time of said Conveyance. And your Orators further state that the consideration expressed in the said Deed was the sum of $80000 Dollars and the trusts and objects therein specifically set forth

and that your Orator John B. Gray received the note of the Defendants Christian Reiner and David Reiner for the amount of the said sum of $80.000 Dollars. But your Orator John B. Gray further states that the project of the formation of said Company as contemplated at the time of said Deed from your Orators to said Trustees was abandoned and said note of the said Defendants Reiner for said consideration money of $80 000 Dollars was surrendered by your Orator John B. Gray to them. A re conveyance of said property was made by said Trustees to your Orators, the legal title still remaining in them but the object and purpose of said conveyance having been abandoned said Trustees held said property in trust for your Orators. And your Orator John Bowie Gray further states that afterwards, to wit on or about the 18th day of December 1850 your Orator John Bowie Gray and Robert J. Walker entered in an agreement whereby said Walker became a joint and equal owner with your Orator said John B. Gray of all the said lands, mines and mineral rights so as aforesaid conveyed by said Christie to your Orators John B. Gray and Jane M. Gray. And your Orator John B. Gray further states and charges that the consideration of said agreement between him and said Walker was the undertaking of said Walker to pay two promissory notes of your Orator to said Christie and others part of the said purchase money of said property one of about $35000 Dollars and the other of about $24000 Dollars. But your Orator charges that the said Walker has only paid one of said notes to wit that of thirty five thousand Dollars or thereabouts which said Walker settled as your Orator is informed and believes and believing charges for the sum of about $8000 Dollars. And your Orator charges further that said Walker hath not paid or settled in any way said $24000 Dollars note as aforesaid. And your Orator further states and charges that at the time of the making of the aforesaid agreement of your Orator John B. Gray with said Robert J. Walker said Walker knew that the said property had been conveyed as aforesaid to said Trustees and that said project of the formation of said Association had been abandoned. And your Orator further states and charges that said Jane M. Gray was not a party to said agreement of your Orator John B. Gray and said Robert J. Walker a Copy of said agreement between your Orator John B. Gray and said Robert J. Walker is herewith filed and made a part of this Bill marked Complainants Exhibit B. And your Orator John B. Gray further states that after the failure of the agreement aforesaid for the formation of said Association to work said mines as contemplated in said Deed of your Orators to said Trustees of the 6th June 1850 and after the making as aforesaid of the said agreement between your Orator and said Walker, a new and different agreement was made to which your Orators and Robert J. Walker and said Trustees Isaac Tyson Jr, David Reiner, Hanson Thomas, Alexander Fisher and John M. Gordon were parties as by reference to a copy of said Deed of the 6th June 1850, and said Articles of Association herewith filed and made a part of this Bill and marked Complainants Exhibit C and D. fully and at large appear reference being had thereto. And your Orator