time an acting Justice of the Peace, That at the time of the acknowledgment of said paper I called Mr Mellors attention to the receipt on the same and he expressed himself satisfied Mrs Meller also expressed herself satisfied I understood from the parties grantors that the consideration which I know then was Twenty dollars had been given to them the property mentioned in said Deed B, is the property now occupied by Mr Trotwell. Upon one occasion I had a conversation with Mrs Sarah Wright in reference to the property I had a conversation with her at her Home. Mr Trotwell was out, upon my asking her to whom the place belonged, whether to her or Mr Trotwell she stated that it belong to Mr Trotwell. We had been speaking of some improvements. The place spoken of by us was the place where Mr Trotwell now lives on. This conversation occurred in the Month of November, but do not remember in what year, it was however about eight months before she died. I know that Mr Trotwell resided on the place upwards of twelve years twelve years last March. The place was improved during that period by the erection of a Barn and stable. I suppose Mr Trotwell put up the improvements as I saw him upon one occasion by some shingles to cover the Barn with he also built a Kitchen and sheds Mr Trotwell cultivates the place, the most of the time it was cultivated as a market Garden he also cultivated fruit trees the place was mortgaged call to me before Mr Trotwell left his leg, since which occurrence I have been on the place only once or twice.

Upon Cross Examination by the Defendant the Witness says that Mrs Wright was residing on Mr Trotwells place when Witness first knew her. Which was five or six years before her death Mr Trotwell did not reside on the place, when Witness first knew him he was Chas Gardener for Mr Glenn this was in the year 1843. I think Trotwell was living with Mr Glenn when I first knew him. I think Trotwell and his family lived with Mr Glenn about seven Months. That at that time that is to say when Trotwell left Mr Glenns he came to the place, I do not know whether Trotwells family came with him or not after he left Mr Glenns Trotwell did some work for Mr McClain I do not know that he lived with them I think this was in the year 1845 I have heard Mr Trotwell say that a portion of his family lived at Ellicotts Mills, this was during the life of Mrs Wright It was after the year 1843 after Mr Trotwell came to the place that Mrs Wright was engaged in nursing at Hastings I do not know of her being engaged any where else I do not know that Trotwells family lived on the place until after the death of Mrs Wright. I think there is a barn and stable on the place I have not seen the Buildings for a year and cannot answer as to their condition. The House is a very poor affair. The conversation above referred to that took place between Mrs Wright and myself

arose on account of certain improvements on the place, as to a House that were contemplated by Mr Trotwell and I said her above properly was and she replied Mr Trotwell, at the time of the acknowledgment of the paper $3 in money passed in my presence. I called Mr Mellors attention to the receipt at the time and he said he was satisfied I think of I remember correctly, that Mr Meller said that paper was executed to gratify Mr Trotwell more than any thing else and that he Meller had no claim to the property Mr Meller disclaimed then to have any claim to the property at all I do not remember the precise language used except that the paper was executed to gratify Mr Trotwell more than any thing else.

The Witness being further examined on the part of the Complainant says that he does not know whether Mr Trotwell at the time he was with Mr Glenn cultivated the places to corn lives on or not.

It is agreed by the Complainant that the quit claim deed prepared by the Witness Hatchers was prepared by him at the instance and request of the Complainant.

Commission adjourned and not again by consent of parties on Thursday the 3d day of January 1856 at the same hour and place.

John K Smith a Witness of lawful age produced Sworn and examined on the part and behalf of the Complainant deposes and says as follows. I have known the Complainant 16 or 17 years during all which time he has resided at Catonsville. Complainant has always had charge of the place where he now resides. he has at different times resided off the place, that at one time Complainant while living at Mr Glenns employed me to cut some grass on the place where he now resides. Complainant is by profession an Ornamental gardner. I know that Complainant has frequently gone to the Heavenly seats of gentlemen with a view to ornamenting their Grounds. upon such occasions he returns to the place where he now resides and brings with him his earnings and spends them there. that the Complainant used his exertions towards the improvement of the place upon which he now resides, I do not know that any one other than Complainant appropriated any money towards the improvement of the property mentioned in these proceedings. I know no Body that had means that owned it I think Sarah Wright Sworn her for 16 or 17 years. I think Mrs Wrights father Mark Meller occupied the property before Trotwell he occupied it about a year perhaps longer. the reason why he abandoned the property was because of a difficulty with a Neighbor growing out of a dispute about the cutting of some trees, and because the property was of no value to him, Trotwell was living with Meller on the place at that time. Meller abandoned