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Issue Commission to Thomas Jenkins to take testimony in the above cause. A. W. Hobbs Pltffs Atty. H. Donaldson Defts Solr.

On the same day in accordance with the foregoing agreement a Commission was issued to Thomas Jenkins to take testimony in the aforesaid cause of the tenor following to Wit

Maryland Sct. The State of Maryland To Thomas Jenkins Esqr. of Howard County Greeting Whereas we have appointed you to be our Commissioner to examine Witnesses in a cause depending in our Circuit Court for Howard County sitting as a Court of Equity between Joshua B. Bond Complainant and John Ridgely deft We therefore require you having first taken the oath hereunto annexed and also administered the annexed oath 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 defendant and that you examine them on their respective 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 have received the depositions of the Witnesses so taken by you into Writing you send the same in the close envelope under your hand and seal to us in our Circuit Court for Howard County sitting as a Court of Equity with all convenient speed. Witness The Honorable Nicholas Brewer Chief Judge of the Court for Howard County this 6th day of October Anno Domini 1857. W. W. Mechlenburg Clerk

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

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and Witnesses produced and examined by virtue of this Commission truely reduced upon the Interrogatories now or which may hereafter before the said Commissioner is about to be produced to and left in the jointly by either of the said parties to be forwarded. So help you God. Wm. A. Snider J.P.

Clerks Oath.

You shall true and faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the parties in this cause take down and transcribe the depositions of all and every the Witness and Witnesses produced before and examined by the Commissioner named in the Commission hereto annexed as far forth as you are directed and employed by the said Commissioner to take down and transcribe the said depositions or any of them so help you God. And afterwards to wit on the 13th day of March in the year 1858 the Commissioner Thomas Jenkins returned and filed in the Court here the aforesaid Commission with the testimony taken before the said Commissioner and the Depositions filed with the aforesaid Commission in the words following to Wit.

Joshua B. Bond &c
vs
John Ridgely

In Circuit Court for Howard County.

At the execution of the annexed Commission issued out of the Circuit Court for Howard County and to me directed and enclosing me to examine witnesses in a cause depending in the said Court between John B. Bond &c as Complainant and John Ridgely as defendant I Thomas Jenkins Commissioner named having met on the 20th day of October at the Court House pursuant to previous notice thereof given to the said parties and after the oath annexed to the said Commission had proceed then and there in the presence of the Counsel of the Complainant and the Solicitor for the defendant to take the following depositions to Wit. George W. Hobbs a Witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Complainants being duly sworn and examined deposes and says.