thereon named at No 75 Grant Street in the City of Pittsburg Pa on the 21st day of June 1860 at 2 O'clock P.M. having the Rev Eugene A. Thalheimer a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Allegheny Penna the Oath annexed to said Commission the Witnesses being first severally sworn on the Holy Evangelists to make true answers touching & concerning the following depositions and adjourned to meet on the 22d day of June 1860 at 10 O'clock A.M. at which time and place the said depositions were taken,

Ben H. Bloodgood Comr.

R. F. Hedden of lawful age a Witness produced on the part of Complainant being duly sworn and examined on the Interrogatories herewith returned deposes and says.

To the first Interrogatory in Chief he says I am acquainted with Mr Houston but not intimately, I have known him for 2 years. To the second Interrogatory in Chief he says I have seen him write a few times and believe for 2 years ago I cannot remember any thing about it. My occupation is that of a practical dealer

To the 3d Interrogatory in Chief he says. I cannot give an opinion as to the papers specified in the said interrogatory.

Question by D. E. Brady Esq Attorney for Complainants

Have you ever seen Cyrus Houston write his name,

I do not know whether I have ever seen Mr Houston write or not, but I have had papers in my possession with his signature upon them, I think I have seen him writing

Second question by Mr Brady.

I wish you now to look at the several papers mentioned in the 3d interrogatory and state from your knowledge of the handwriting of Mr Houston and of his signature whether signatures thereto are attached to those papers.

I cannot tell whose signatures these are,

R. F. Hedden

B. H. Bloodgood Commissioner

M. H. Lewis a Witness being of lawful age produced and the part of the Complainant being first duly sworn and examined on the interrogatories herewith returned deposes and says, To the first Interrogatory in Chief I know Cyrus Houston have known him for 2 years I am not acquainted with any of the other parties to this suit.

To the second Interrogatory in Chief he says, I know the hand writing of Mr Houston only from the receipts attached to the Commission in this case. I never have seen him write his name, I am at present a Clerk in the Prothonotarys office.

To the 3d Interrogatory in Chief he says I cannot give any opinion as to the signatures to the papers named in this interrogatory, I am a former examination in this matter I suggest from a comparison of the several receipts

To Fourth Interrogatory in Chief he says I have read

M. H. Lewis,

B. H. Bloodgood Comr.

William H. Whitney a Witness being of lawful age produced on the part of Complainants being first duly sworn and examined on the Interrogatories herewith returned. To the first Interrogatory in Chief I have known Cyrus Houston for three years. I know none of the other parties to this suit, To the several Interrogatory in Chief, I know Mr Houstons signature of Cash notes I have not seen him write, About 1843 or 1844 I printed a large paper Book Map a case in which Mr Houston was interested in which Mr Isaac Alden was his

attorney, At that time I remember of seeing Mr Houston write in my own office on one or two occasions. I have never seen him write since that time, or has handwriting I saw has signature to two Notes some years ago, that is all the knowledge I have of his signature, I am an Editor and professional Writer, To the third Interrogatory in Chief he says the papers referred to in this interrogatory are in my opinion in the handwriting of Mr Houston, and all in the same handwriting, and signed by him. To the 4th Interrogatory in Chief he says I have not, The Witness adds that he is considered and respected in handwriting and is frequently called upon to testify in Court as to handwritings,

Answers of said Witness to the Cross Interrogatories

To the 1st Cross Interrogatory He says I have seen him write only on one or two occasions, and then in connection with the papers book already referred to,

To the second Cross Interrogatory He says I am an Editor and professional writer, To the 3d Cross Interrogatory he says, The handwriting of the receipts marked No 1 and of the receipts No 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 are of the second general character, The Capital letters are similarly shaped and similarly placed, the word "check" in paper No 1, No 5, No 6, No 7 and No 8 begins erroneously with a Capital also Rec in all the Nos, and in the word "Rec" is contracted, the word Rec in Nos 5, 6 and 7 is not contracted, in Nos 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, the word "of" after the word Rec is also written as of & was and "of" written "ff" in all the dollar, in Nos 1, 7, 8, 9, 10 the name is written "James Dello" in No 5 the name James B Dello, in No 6 the name is written J B Dello in No 1 and the word Bond is written as though it was "Cond" the receipts Nos 6 No 10 inclusive are written with old fashioned black Ink No 5 is written in Arabias Red writing Fluid, in No 6 and 10 the letters "Rec'd" are plainly written in No 1 the letter "C" is written over a double L and is also in the heading which I observed on comparing these and other Nos 1 and 5 the word against" and similarly misspelled the "s" in both being omitted,

B. H. Bloodgood Comr. N. 16, Whitney.

The foregoing depositions were reduced to writing by myself and there being no other Witnesses present before me by either party I have duly sworn and Commissioned and send the same enclosed and recommend to the Hon the Judge of the Circuit Court for Washington County in Maryland as a Court of Equity.

Given under my hand and seal this 22d day of June 1860.

Benjamin H. Bloodgood (Seal)

Commissioner.

Depositions taken on part of Respondents at the Execution of the annexed Commission at No 75 Grant Street in the same City of Pittsburg on the 21st and 22d days of June 1860 agreeably to the annexed stipulation in the County of Washington and State aforesaid in the Matter between Wm J. Dello and others Complainants and Cyrus Houston and John M. Hawk Respondents to and the following interrogatories being first severally sworn by me as aforesaid and answers to make to said Interrogatories that is to say

B. H. Bloodgood Commissioner,