rumors and suppositions that they would have to get supplies some other way

Question. Do you remember or not having heard it reported about the time as to whether the members of the Administration or any of them had secretly fled from Washington and gone to the North

Answer. I do recollect hearing that they had secretly fled but it was reported that the President had gone North and also some of the Cabinet?

Question. Did the reports assign any reason why the President and those of his cabinet who were said to have gone north went?

Answer. It was supposed by some that they went by fear or something of that kind

Question. If you had a farm in that neighborhood which under ordinary circumstances you would feel disposed to sell as a prudent man would you offer it for sale in either September or October 1861 with the expectation of getting as much for it as you would if the war did not exist?

(Excepted To by Defendants Solicitor)

Answer. No sir. I would not calculate to get near as much for it.

William Kerr a witness of lawful age produced sworn and examined on the part and behalf of the Complainants deposes and says. I know the Complainants all except Mr and Mrs Ehrman and the Defendant Michael P. G. Withers but do not know the other defendants. I have resided in the same district with the Withers family and where the land in Controversy lies for six years. Farming has been my occupation for twenty years until about two years ago and I am now attending Bar at Parkton Station I know the Withers Farm and have been over a great part of it.

Question. Look at Exhibit Plat A and say if you are acquainted with the land marked Lot No 8 on the said Plat?

Answer. Yes sir.

Question. What is the quality of the wood on that lot?

Answer. It is of good quality of wood white oak mostly mixed with Spanish Oak

Question. Is the wood heavy?

Answer. It is not very large but is thick on the ground and is of very good quality

Question. What would it cut an acre?

Answer. Part of it will cut from sixty to seventy cords to the acre

Question. What is wood worth in that neighborhood by the cord?

Answer. They are giving two dollars and seventy cents a cord at the Station. The land is generally of very good quality. This Land as it stands with its improvements might to be worth in ordinary times at least sixty dollars per acre. I know the tract of land described as lot No 7 on the Plat this Lot contains very good quality of land is kind and easily improved. The timber on it is of good quality mostly white oak; there is a portion of it that is not so well

timbered; as this tract now stands it would be worth in ordinary times in the absence of the war Forty dollars an acre. I do not know much about the tract marked lot No 6 on the Plat I have been across it but once. The timber upon it is pretty heavy and is a mixture of oak and Chestnut; this land ought to be worth the way the times are now. thirty dollars an acre taken all through I think it would be worth more in the absence of the war at least ten dollars an acre more. It is handy to the Rail Road. Being asked Have you been on the tract marked Lots No 5 No 4 and No. 3 on the Plat replies. I have been down along the Paulner Stream only. I have travelled frequently along the York Turnpike and could see Lots No 3 No 4 and No 5 as they bind on the turnpike. The wood along the Paulner Branch is very heavy timber; it is mostly white oak; there is not much timber now along the York Road as it has been cut off. I think Lots No 3 No 4 and No 5 are worth Forty dollars an acre. It is all good quality of land. I have never been over Lots Nos. 1 & 2 though I have been at the Jacobs often but never examined the character of the land

Question. Do you remember where the Confederate Army was reported to have been on the Western Potomac about August September or October 1861?

Answer. It was rumored that they were expected to go over the Potomac at Harpers Ferry to Frederick.

Question. About that time did you hear of the Potomac South of Washington being blockaded?

Answer. There was such rumor in the neighborhood.

Question: What was the expectation of the people in your neighborhood as far as you heard it expressed in reference whether Maryland would be occupied by the Confederate Troops or not about the months of September or October of last year?

Answer. It was hard to tell whether the State was going to secede or not until after the Election.

Question. Do you know from Expressions of individuals whether the existence of the war and the position of the conflicting armies had or was supposed to have any effect on the action of the farmers in your neighborhood in reference to whether they would crops their farms or not?

Answer. The majority did not think it made any difference but there were some few individuals who did not think it was worth while to go on with their business.

Question. If you had money in the months of August September or October of last year would you have been willing to pay as high a price for land in that neighborhood as you would in the same months of 1860 & why?

Answer. No sir and for the reason that there was no business doing at all and did not know what would be