naming at least one of the fields to Mr. Denmead and he replied the fields I intended to have planted were already engaged he did not say by whom engaged. The field I named to Mr. Denmead was one by the schoolhouse. I think the field is in Lot No 3.]
(The foregoing in brackets is objected to by Defendants Solicitor)
The public mind since April 1861 has been very much excited the cause I understand is about this war business. I remember when the military were first stationed about the City I believed the commenced to assemble before the latter part of May 1861. They are I understand still encamped about the City I know of one to be at Mr Ken's hill another at Pattersons Park. another at Federal Hill and another on the Washington Road and another, at Stewarts Place on West Baltimore street and another La Fayette Square and another at Mount Hope. I understand there is a regiment at each Camp. About the 20th April, of last year the bridges on the Northern Central Railway were burned I understood they were burnt to prevent the Northern troops coming into Baltimore. They have been rebuilt were rebuilt somewhere about the latter part of June 1861. After the bridges were rebuilt there were troops stationed along the Road as far up as Parkton, and for six miles above it. Question. What was the expectation of the Public in Baltimore City and County in the Summer and Fall of 1861, as to whether the Northern Troops would be able to drive the Confederate Troops out of Virginia or whether the Confederate troops would be able to drive the Northern troops over Maryland and across Masons and Dixons line?
Answer. As far as I could hear and understand among the Public they were of different opinions some thought they would be forced one way and some another
Question. At what particular points on the boundary of Maryland and Virginia were the opposing Armies stationed in the Fall of 1861 and the Spring of 1862?
Answer. I understand some were in the neighborhood of Norfolk some at Manassas some at Harpers Ferry and some about Wheeling or in that direction
Question. Is the public mind yet relieved of the excitement caused by the expectation as to which of the contending armies would be victorious.
Answer. It seems to me that they are as excited now as at any time since the commencement.
Question. Has the excitement of the public mind continued from 1861 until now?
Answer. I should think so.
Question. From your knowledge of the condition of the public mind would you offer for sale Real Estate in the neighborhood of Parkton in Baltimore County at any time from April 1861 with the expectation of getting as high a price for it

as you would if the war did not exist or as you would before the commencement of the War?
Answer. I would not unless I was compelled
Question. Why would you not?
Answer. I should not expect to get any thing like the value for it.

Cross Examination for Defendants

I am about 40 years old. I was born in Ireland. I have been in this country since the winter of 1846 — seventeen years next winter. I was engaged in the bolting business in this City immediately after I arrived here. I changed that business in 1855. I then went to farming for a short time. I never bought any other Place than the one I mentioned — but I priced several. I gave $18 or $19 per acre but believe on reflection it was $18 per acre. I still own this land the deed is in my own name I know of a farm sold in that neighborhood containing more than a hundred acres in the same year that I moved up there or perhaps a year before I dont know what it cost. I heard the neighbors speak of it
Question. Do you know of your own knowledge of any sale of a farm of a hundred acres or upwards in that vicinity excepting your own and the Withers property?
Answer. I cannot say exactly how many acres. I know of a man, a german who bought a place somewhere in the neighborhood of a hundred acres.
Question. Who from?
Answer. From a Mr. Grove.
I am living in Baltimore now, have been in the City since 12 April 1861 I bought my place from Mr. Richard J. Gittings as Trustee

Adjourned to meet again on Tuesday 27th May Instant at 11 o'clock A. M.

Tuesday 27th May 1862

Clement Bussey a witness of lawful age, produced, sworn and examined on the part and behalf of the Complainants deposes and says. I know the Complainants except Ehrman and wife I know all the Defendants except Mrs. Withers but have seen her I reside in the 7th district in Baltimore County. I am a Farmer. I farm 150 1/4 acres. My farm bounds on considerable sections of the Withers farm. It bounds on Lot No 2 up to Lot No. 6 inclusive as designated on the Plat. Farming is my sole occupation. I know the land designated on the Plat as Lot No 8 I know it well I have travelled over it and guessed over it. The wood on this lot consists of a fair proportion of Oak & Chestnut I cant say that it very light or very heavy it a medium of healthy