A Ellis and William T Jones Esquires the Chancery Commissioners for this Court to take testimony.

Afterwards to Wit on the 16 day of April in the year last aforesaid and of the Commissioners named in the last mentioned Commission made return of the said Commission with his proceedings under and in pursuance of the same in the words and figures following to Wit

Commission, Cecil County Sct.

The State of Maryland To Frances A Ellis and William T Jones Esqrs Commissioners in Chancery for Cecil County, to take testimony Greeting. Be it known that you are appointed Commissioner to examine evidences in a cause depending in the Circuit Court for Cecil County in Equity between George Earle administrator Cum testamento annexo of Robert H Thomas deceased Complainant and Gustavus A Thompson Harvey Thomas Elmira Thomas and Emily H Thomas an infant by Harvey Thomas her guardian defendants, therefore you are requested 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 evidence as shall be named or produced to you by either the plaintiff or defendants and that you examine them upon their corporal oaths to be by you administered on the Holy Evangely 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 having reduced the depositions of the Witnesses so taken by you into writing you send the same with this Commission closed under your hand and seal to the said Circuit Court to be held in the Court House in Elkton in and for Cecil County aforesaid with all convenient speed Witness the Honorable John H Price Judge of the 6th Judicial Circuit of Maryland and as such Judge of the said Circuit Court the 15th day of April A D 1856.

Issued the 15th day of April 1856.

H H Nicholson Clerk

George Earle adm C.T.A of Robert H Thomas
vs
Gustavus A Thompson Harvey Thomas Elmira Thomas and Emily H Thomas an infant

In the Circuit Court for Cecil County In Equity

Due Notice of the time and place of taking testimony under the Commission issued to Frances A Ellis and William T Jones Esquires Commissioners to take testimony in this cause is hereby admitted.

George Earle and John A J Cresswell Solrs for Compltt
Charles F Mayer Solr for said Gustavus and Harvey and Elmira and for the Guardian in this cause of the infant

At the Execution of the annexed Commission issued out of the Circuit Court for Cecil County in Chancery and directed to Frances A Ellis and William T Jones and empowering them to examine Evidences in the cause depending in said Court between George Earle administrator Cum testamento annexo of Robert

H Thomas deceased Complainant and Gustavus A Thompson Harvey Thomas Elmira Thomas and Emily H Thomas an infant by Harvey Thomas her guardian Defendants T William T Jones Commissioner therein named did first give to the parties or their attorneys Notice thereof given to said parties attend at my office in the Town of Elkton on the 16 day of April in the year 1856 and do then and there proceed to examine the Evidences in said cause George Earle and John A J Cresswell Solicitor for the Complainant filed with your Commissioner certain Paper Writings severally marked Exhibits E. R G H. G E. D R D I. and which are herewith returned. There being no Witnesses to be examined and neither party desiring further time for the introduction of other Evidences your Commissioner closed the said Commission and herewith returns the same under his hand and seal this 16 day of April 1856

W T Jones Commissioner Seal

Note. The Exhibits mentioned in the foregoing return of Wm T Jones Esq Comr are the same that were filed by Complainant with his Bill of Complaint and severally marked when filed with said Bill of Complaint and herein before copied as Exhibits R.G.A. G.E. R D.I. and E.

Wm H Nicholson Clk

Afterwards to Wit on the 17 day of April in the year 1856 aforesaid a submission for Decree was filed in the Words and figures following to Wit.

George Earle administrator C.T.A of Robert H Thomas
vs
Gustavus A Thompson Harvey Thomas and Elmira Thomas and Emily H Thomas an Infant.

In the Circuit Court for Cecil County In Equity

This cause is submitted for Decree and it is agreed that a Decree passes pursuant to the Bill subject to any other provisions that may seem to the Court proper in behalf of law or any parties concerned.

17 April 1856

George Earle and
John A J Cresswell Solrs for Complainant
Charles F Mayer Solr for Gustavus A Thompson and for Harvey Thomas and for Elmira Thomas and for Harvey Thomas as Guardian of Emily H Thomas.

And afterwards to Wit on the 18 day of April in the year last aforesaid the Court hereupon passed a decree in the premises in the Words and figures following to Wit.

George Earle administrator Cum testamento annexo of Robert H Thomas
vs
Gustavus A Thompson Henry Thomas Elmira Thomas and Emily H Thomas an Infant.

In the Circuit Court for Cecil County. In Chancery.

This cause standing ready for hearing and being submitted without argument the proceedings were read and considered, and it