from an examination made by me some time after the sale of the Ward Books the houses sold at the time to Mr Polk appeared to be adjoining the property on Abbott Street assessed in these Exhibits to Mr Purviance what connection they may have had at any time with the property in the name of Mr Purviance I cannot pretend to say"

4th Interrogatory Do understand you to say that you made an examination of the Ward Books at the request of Mr Polk, to see whether the property assessed to Mr Purviance includes that purchased by Mr Polk of the property sold for nonpayment of taxes, and that you found that it did not include it, 4 Answer As far as my memory serves me there was some dispute or some little talk in the office about some other property that Mr Polk had bought and I made an examination of several pieces including I think this lot claiming to be Mr Purviance's and I found it on the City Collectors Books to correspond precisely with the advertisement of sale for taxes, this was a three years sale I include this examination that Books showed no other credits than the payment made by Mr Polk as purchaser, He I Pet Martin Complainants Exhibits E B G Nos 1 and 2 and the account of Mr Purviance were not before me and whether Mr Purviance account was closed or not I do not know" Cross examined for Complainant, First Cross Interrogatory Were you in the office of the City Collector during the years 1857 1858 and 1859 and how long before 1x Answer I was in the City Collectors office from March 1855 until March 1860.

Second Cross Interrogatory Do you know what property on Abbott Street was assessed to Robert Purviance Junior in the years 1857 and 1858 and expressed in same by the words lot and improvements on Abbotts Street in the Complainants Exhibits E B G Nos 1 and 2? 2x Answer I do not Sir, I only know by the above examination that Mr Purviance owned property on Abbott St which from the above examination appeared to me to be the adjoining property

Third Cross Interrogatory Have you any knowledge upon the question whether the property sold to Polk on Abbott Street is or is not assessment to Robert Purviance Junior for 1857 and 1858 of property on Abbott Street, except what you derived from the examination of the City Tax Books mentioned in your examination in Chief 3x Answer I have not Sir, it is all that I noticed I have any information pertaining together from the Books and the Scavengers Bills which last came from the Books" Fourth Cross Interrogatory In your experience in said Office have you not known many mistakes in the assessment of property so that property which by said Ward Books appeared to be taxes due and upon further examination appeared to have been transferred from the name of the party to whom it had been originally assessed and the taxes which appeared to be due on said property when looking at the account of such original owner were found to have been paid by some subsequent holder of the property."

4 Answer" I have known errors in the Books by making originally double assessments in the same property, through which taxes have been paid in error, but in the making of a transfer of property I never knew knowledge of a case where a transfer was made and the property stood in the Books of both in the name of the original owner and in the name of the transferee in the same year, as the rules of the office require

the taxes to be paid for the current year in exclusion with the transfer & last half only in the subsequent year I never saw that I have known errors to have occurred from transfers of the current property & that has happened" Fifth Cross Interrogatory Look at the said Complainants Exhibits E B G Nos 1 and 2" and supposing that the property sold to Polk hereto for referred to was included in the property mentioned in said Exhibits as lot and improvements on Abbott Street 24.71" do you find the said taxes for City and State for 1857 and 1858 on said property sold to Polk appearing said Exhibits to have been paid, 5x Answer" upon the supposition stated in the interrogatory that the property sold to Polk is included in the property designated in the question the taxes on the property in question have been paid & from the respective handwritings of Mr Dougherty and William D Hyde the Clerk's by whom the payment was received of said bills of exhibited and their receipts to said bills or Exhibits are genuine they are unquestionably genuine, Again examined for defendants 5th Interrogatory Was the property assessed to Griffith as lot No 6 transferred by him to Purviance, Robert C Barnes 5 Answer" I think not see the stood at the time of sale in Mr Griffiths name on the Books and there is no Note of transfer in the Margins" Sixth Interrogatory In speaking of Mistakes in the Office as you have described them did or did not those mistakes only occur in cases of transfer 6 Answer" They occurred in other cases also they had occurred frequently in cases of original Assessment Seventh Interrogatory Did you make the examination in this case at the request of Mr Polk to see whether there was any such error and what was the result, 7 Answer I was under the impression that I did and that my impression was that it had no connection with Mr Purviance's property".

The Commission was then adjourned to the 6th day of April in the year of our Lord 1864 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and the Office of William Price Esquire in St Paul Street in the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland; at which last mentioned time and place the Commission met pursuant to Notice and proceeded in the presence of the Solicitors of the respective parties to take the following depositions. that is to say Elizabeth Graff Elizabeth Graff being duly sworn examined in the following additional interrogatory to him propounded on behalf of the Complainant makes oath deposeth and saith as follows that is to say First additional Interrogatory, On page 295 of the Baltimore City Ward Book for the 7th Ward containing the assessment of property made in the year 1838 there is the following assessment of property to Robert Purviance Junior "Robert Purviance 20 Nos 36. 38. 40. 42 44. 46 and 48 North side of Abbott St 84 feet by 57 deep, seven 2 story Brick dwellings $2.800" On page 22 of the Ward Book for said Ward containing assessments made in the year 1852 there is an assessment of property to Robert Purviance Junior as follows. Robert Purviance N 87 feet 6 inches North side Abbotts Alley seven feet deep 7. 2 story Brick dwellings $2.177" Now please state whether you are acquainted with the said property so assessed to said Purviance in the said Purviance in the said Assessment for 1852 and in the said Assessments for 1858. if so for how long have you known it from whom did said Purviance get the leasehold interest in said houses and when and are the said seven houses the property embraced in the number from N W Griffith to said Purviance by deed dated the 28th June 1852 Liber E S No 15 folio 430 state also whether the said seven houses mentioned in the said assessment of