time with power to her to dispose of the same and after her death he devised 1/3 of the residue to his daughter Jesche Margaretha Grand wife of Johann Heinrich Grand 1/3 thereof to Becky Dorothea Brenden wife of Johann George Brenden and 1/3 thereof to Catharine Maria Strobel wife of Johann Strobel and appointed his wife the executrix of his Will That the said Mueller being seized of a lot of ground on Warner Street which is particularly described in the deed and accompanying Exhibit deposited this life That his Will was duly admitted to probate That his Wife having died and there existed having commenced letters of administration on his Estate were granted to Henry Wallgen That the personal Estate was insufficient for the payment of the just debts of the deceased and they are advised that the Creditors yet unsatisfied are entitled to have their Claims paid out of the Real Estate of the deceased that it will be for the interest and advantage of all the parties interested to sell the said Real Estate and after payment of her Claims of the Creditors to divide the balance That Chapman appointed by the parties interested to sell the same at private sale but their requests have been refused, That Johann Heinrich Grand and Jesche Margaretha Grand heretofore are now residents of the State of Maryland, That Bill then prays for a decree for the sale of said property and for general relief. His Honor thereupon Adjudged and Ordered that the Complainant by causing a copy of this Order to be inserted in some Newspaper published at Baltimore City once in each of four successive weeks before the 5th day of March next warned the said absent defendants of the object and substance of the said Bill and required them to appear in this Court in person or by Solicitor, on or before the 6th day of June next to answer the premises and show cause if any they have why the decree ought not to pass as prayed.

Thomas Adams Clerk

Whereupon Subpoena was issued as prayed in Term Following to Wit.

The State of Maryland To John George Strobel Catharine Maria Strobel Henry Wallgen of Baltimore City Greeting We command and enjoin you that all excuses set aside you be in your person before the Judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City at the Court House in said City on the Second Monday of March next to answer the Complaint of John George Brenden &c against you in said Court exhibited. Hereof fail not as you will answer the contrary at your peril Witness the Honorable William Alexander Judge of our said Court the 11th day of January 1864 Issued the 2d day of February A.D. Eighteen hundred and 1864.

Thomas Adams Clerk

And the Sheriff of Baltimore City aforesaid to whom the said Subpoena was delivered to be served made return thereof to the Court here that he had summoned Annes John Danaker Sheriff

And afterwards to Wit on the 16 day of July in the year aforesaid the Court passed in said cause Interlocutory Decree in Term following to Wit.

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The defendants John George Strobel Catharine Maria Strobel and Henry Wallgen having been duly summoned to appear to the Bill of Complaint and having appeared thereto and Jesche Margaretha Grane and John Heinrich Grand having appeared

thereto and all the said parties having failed to answer the said Bill of Complaint, It is thereupon this 16 day of July in the year 1864 by the Honorable William Alexander Judge aforesaid by the Authority of this Court Adjudged Ordered and Decreed that the Complainants is entitled to relief in the premises But because it doth not certainly appear to what relief the Complainant is entitled It is further adjudged and Ordered that a Commission issue to the Commissioners of this Court to take testimony to support the allegations of the Bill

Wm Alexander

Whereupon to Wit on the same day and year last aforesaid issued Commission to Hales Smithsonian and Randolph J Bowden standing Commissioners of this Court, And after divers days to Wit made return of the same with their proceedings thereunder to the Court here in these words to Wit

The State of Maryland To Hales A Smithsonian and R J Bowden Esquires Commissioners named on the part of the Complainants and defendants Whereas that you are appointed Commissioner to examine Witnesses in a cause depending in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City between John George Brenden & Becky Dorothea Brenden Complainants and Johann George Strobel Catharine Maria Strobel Jesche Margaretha Grane John Heinrich Grand and Henry Wallgen defendants Therefore you are required after having taken the oath hereunto annexed that at such time and place as to you shall seem convenient after having given due notice to the respective parties or their Solicitors you cause to come before you all such Witnesses as shall be named or produced to you either by the Complainants or defendants And that you examine them upon their Corporal Oaths to be by you administered on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God touching their Knowledge or remembrance of any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid and having reduced the depositions of the Witnesses so taken by you into writing you send them with this Commission closed under your hand and seal to the Judge of the said Court with all Convenient speed. Witness the Honorable William Alexander Judge of our said Court the 11th day of July 1864. Issued the 16th day of July 1864.

Samuel Snowden Complainants Solicitor
John Snyder defendants Solicitor

Samuel McEvans Clerk

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By virtue of the annexed Commission issued out of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City in the cause above entitled to us Hales Smithsonian and Randolph J Bowden in the regular Commissioners of the said Court directed we hereby certify that we met at the office of Hales A Smithsonian No 71 W Fayette Street in the City of Baltimore State of Maryland on the 15th day of August 1864 and then being no Witnesses to be examined and neither party desiring the examination of Orders the Commission at the request of the respective parties was closed, In Witness whereof we hereto set our hands and seals the said 15th day of August in the year 1864 at the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland

Hales A Smithsonian (Seal) Comr

Randolph J Bowden (Seal) Comr

And afterwards to Wit on the 5th day of August in the year aforesaid the following Answer &c in manner by their Solicitor was filed to Wit The Honorable William Alexander Judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City The joint and several answer of Johann George Strobel and Catharine Maria