Of the execution of the Commission aforesaid, the said Commissioner made return thereof, on the Twenty fourth day of February, eighteen hundred, and sixty five, as follows Viz:

To the Honorable Samuel H. Berry Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, sitting in Equity.

The subscriber, being the Commissioner named in the annexed commission, hereby certifies, that in execution of the power thereby vested in me, I did, on the 23rd day of February 1865, proceed to the dwelling house of the late John Contee in Prince George's County, where Mary L. Contee, Sylvia D. Contee and Eliza D. Contee the infants named in said commission then were, and caused the said infants to be brought before me, and then and there in the presence of the said infants, assigned and appointed Daniel Clarke of Prince George's County, aforesaid, guardian to said infants, and took the answers of the said infants by their said guardian, and under the oath of said guardian, by me administered, to the bill of complaint in said commission mentioned which said answer with said commission is herewith returned closed under my hand and seal, this 23rd day of February 1865.

James Mullikin Commissioner (Seal)

The Answer of Mary L. Contee, Sylvia D. Contee and Eliza D. Contee infants under the age of twenty one years, by Daniel Clarke their guardian, to the bill of complaint of Eleanora L. Lee and W. Seton Belt, Administrators of Benjamin Lee, against them and others, in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County sitting in Equity exhibited.

These defendants cannot admit any of the matters and things alleged in the said bill, and being infants of tender years, they submit their rights to the protection of this Court.

On this 23rd day of February in the year eighteen hundred and sixty five, the above named Daniel Clarke, appeared before me, Commissioner, and made oath that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief

James Mullikin, Commissioner.

Upon the filing of said return as aforesaid, the following commission to the standing Commissioner, to take testimony issued in this cause, Viz:

Prince George's County, Set.

(Seal of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County)

The State of Maryland to Lo Lo Magruder Jr., and Rd. B. B. Chew Gentlemen, Greeting: Be it known that you are appointed Commissioners to examine witnesses in a cause depending in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County between Eleanor L. Lee and W. Seton Belt Admrs. of Benjamin Lee, Complainants, and Mary L. Contee, Sylvia D. Contee, and others, 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 evidences, as shall be made 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 Evangelist 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 in writing, you send the same with this Commission, closed under your hand, and seal, to the said Circuit Court, sitting as a Court of Equity, with all convenient speed.

Witness, the Hon. S. H. Berry, Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit of Maryland, the 21st day of February 1865.

Issued the 24th day of February 1865.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County.

Commissioner's Oath.

You shall, according to the best of your skill, and knowledge, truly, and faithfully, and without partiality to any or either of the parties in this cause, take the examinations and depositions of all, and every witness or witnesses produced and examined by virtue of the Commission hereunto annexed, upon the interrogatories now, or which may hereafter, before the said commission is closed, be produced to, and left with you, by either of the said parties, so help you God.

Clerk's Oath.

You shall, truly, faithfully, and without partiality to any or either of the parties in this cause, take, write down, and transcribe, the depositions of all, and every witness or witnesses produced before, and examined by the Commissioner named in the commission hereunto annexed, as far forth as you are directed, or employed by the said Commissioner to take, write down, and transcribe the said depositions, or any of them, So help you God.

And whereas the following claims against the estate of