he could examine the property, and if he could sell his property, perhaps he might invest with other parties in the said real estate. Witness with a view of determining whether he would purchase the property in case he sold his own, and could purchase this property at a bargain, visited the said real estate, went over the said land and examined it sufficiently to lead him to decide he could not give forty five dollars per acre for the said land. Witness did not regard the property, as it stood, as worth over forty five dollars per acre. The fencing out of order & nothing on the place to put it in order. Buildings were out of order except new corn house one tobacco house, and a tenant house, stable was not fit to put a horse in in the winter, witness is a land owner, and has worked land since he became of age, being now thirty nine years of age. The land was good, but did not equal witness's expectations Cross examined by R. B. B. Chew Esq. Solicitor for excepting creditors. Witness was never on the land before. Witness says he would not give, Knowing the facilities of his own place, near Millersville A. A. County on the rail road - fifty dollars for any land in the Forest of Prince George's County, distant ten or twelve miles for railroad or water transportation.

Witness values his own land at one hundred dollars per acre, witness had not in fact talked with any other parties directly with a view to purchase said real estate, nor had he had any correspondence on the subject. But witness - Knew of a party whom he thought might purchase the property with him. Witness is not able to buy this property alone

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On this 23rd day of November 1865 before the subscriber, a justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for Prince George's County, personally appeared George W. Duvall of Washington, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is well acquainted with the real estate of the late John Contee called Pleasant Prospect recently sold by Mess. Thomas G. Pratt and Daniel Clarke trustees to Thomas R. Wilson and lived near the said place. In his opinion the said land is worth eighty dollars per acre - He thinks it equal in fertility and productiveness to any land in that neighborhood - It is as good as the witness land for which he was offered that amount about eighteen months ago - Mr Clarke trustee here excepted to the witness statement as to what he was offered for his own land eighteen months ago -

The buildings are in very good condition, and in as



good order as the farms in that neighborgood - He does not think the buildings could be put up now for twenty thousand dollars - The witness thinks this land is equal in value to any in the neighborhood. The witness was present at the offering of Mr. Robert Bowie's place by Mr. Clarke as trustee. The highest bid for that land was sixty five dollars and fifty cents - I do not think it superior to Contees land - it is now bare of wood. There is hardly a load of wood on it - except Locust.

Witness being here cross examined by the said Daniel Clarke trustee - said he would be willing if he had the money to give eighty dollars for the land and thinks it would be a good investment -

The witness is not willing to be returned the purchaser of the land at eighty dollars upon the terms prescribed by the decree because in fact he says he has not the means to buy it at that price - The witness is not willing to be returned by the trustees, as the purchaser of the land at a sum exceeding forty five dollars per acre because he says he is not able to buy it at twenty dollars -

If this sale is not ratified and the land is again offered for sale witness does not know of any one who is willing to purchase the said land at a price exceeding forty five dollars.

The witness being here again interrogated says he knows of a recent sale of land some seven or eight miles from the land on the rail road at sixty dollars per acre - The land was sold by Mr Alfred Foreman. This land is near Beltsville, and contained about one hundred and thirty seven acres

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On this 23rd day of November 1865 personally appeared Thomas E. Berry before the subscriber, a justice of the peace in and for Prince George's County who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God deposes and says, that he is well acquainted with the real estate of the late John Contee called Pleasant Prospect recently sold by Mess Thomas G. Pratt and Daniel Clarke, as Trustees, to Thomas R. Wilson - that in his opinion the said land is worth sixty dollars per acre and that if witness wanted to buy land he would give that sum for it - The dwelling House on the said land is a large and comfortable brick building and witness thinks could not now be built under fifteen to twenty thousand dollars.

It is the best tobacco estate in that neighborhood and