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been published in the "American Union" 3 weeks prior to the 9th day of Sept 1864. J. H. Emerson, publisher Amer. Union. Jan. 15 1866.

Which being read, and heard the Court passed the following order to wit;

A. J. Willis vs Aaron Griffith et al } In Equity Jan. Term 1866. Ordered that the Sales within reported be and the same are hereby ratified and Confirmed No Cause to the contrary thereof having been Shown, although notice appears to have been given as directed by the preceding order, the Trustee is allowed the usual Commissions. Henry H. Goldsborough, January 16. 1866."

Whereupon, the proceedings in the premises, were by order of the Court referred to the Auditor.

And afterwards, to wit, on the third day of March, Eighteen hundred and Sixty Six, came into Court here A. J. Willis aforesaid and filed his petition, which is in the words and of the tenor following, to wit.

A. J. Willis vs Aaron Griffith Elisha Griffith & others } Circuit Court for Caroline County as a Court of Equity. To the Hon: H. H. Goldsborough Judge of the Circuit Court for Caroline County sitting as a Court of Equity. The Petition of A. J. Willis of Caroline County respectfully represents unto your Honor – That your petitioner on the 29th day of May in the year 1863 did file a Bill of Complaint in this Cause praying for the sale of certain real estate therein mentioned he being one half owner of said real estate & having a claim for purchase money for the balance – that on the 18th day of January in the year 1864 a decree was passed for the sale of said –



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premises and T. H. & J. D. Kemp were appointed Trustees to make said sale, and in pursuance thereof said Trustee did sell said real estate on the day of March in the year 1864, and said property was bid in by one Robert Butler at and for the sum of One hundred and Seventy dollars and on the day following the sale Your Petitioner had an interview with J. D. Kemp one of the Trustees, and said Trustee said that the said Robert Butler was the purchaser of said real estate & advised said Petitioner to buy said Butler's interest & the sale of the said property would be ratified to your Petitioner & subsequently Your Petitioner had a Conversation with T. H. Kemp the other Trustee in which he stated to your Petitioner that Butler was the purchaser of the real estate aforesaid at the Sale aforesaid and that if your petitioner would purchase Butler's interest, the sale should be ratified to Your Petitioner; that afterwards without any Knowledge whatever of the Manner in which the Sale of said real estate had been reported by the Trustees aforesaid Your petitioner with the approval and Consent of said Trustees in the presence of J. D. Kemp did on the 4th day of November in the year 1864 pay to said Robert Butler the sum of fifty dollars for the interest he had acquired by Virtue of said sale and in Consideration of the agreement of said Trustees that your Petitioner should be substituted in the place of said Butler & that the sale of said property should be ratified to your Petitioner, Yet Notwithstanding said payment & the understanding existing between said Trustee the said Trustees reported one Thomas F. Garey as the purchaser of said real estate & the same has been ratified to him to the entire exclusion