Know ye, therefore, that we have given unto you full power and authority in pursuance of the special order in our said Court, to assign and appoint a guardian to the said infants; and therefore we command you, that at such certain place and day as you shall think fit, you go to the said infants, if they cannot conveniently come to you, and assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants, and take the answer of the said infants by such guardian, to the said bill, on such guardian's corporal oath, upon the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, to be administered by you, the said answer being distinctly and plainly written; and when you shall have taken such answer, you are to send the same closed up under your hand and seal, together with your certificate of having assigned and appointed such guardian as aforesaid, and this writ, unto us in our Court aforesaid.

Witness the Honorable William Alexander, Judge of our said Court, the 13th day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

Issued the 28th day of June, A.D. 1867.

Samuel M. Evans, Clerk

The execution of the within commission will appear by a certain schedule hereunto annexed.

Julian J. Alexander, (Seal)
Commissioner.

To the Honorable the Circuit Court of Baltimore City.

The subscriber, being the Commissioner named in the annexed commission hereby certifies, that in execution of the powers





thereby vested in me, I did on the twenty-ninth day of June 1867, proceed to the office of Samuel H. Jagart, Esquire, on Lexington street, in the City of Baltimore, where Annie Barnum, Zenas Barnum, Arthur C. Barnum and Margaret B. Barnum, 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 Samuel H. Jagart, Esquire, of Baltimore City, 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 twenty ninth day of June 1867.

Julian J. Alexander, (Seal)
Commissioner.

To the Honorable the Circuit Court of Baltimore city:

The answer of Annie Barnum, Zenas Barnum, Arthur C. Barnum and Margaret B. Barnum, infants, under the age of twenty one years, by Samuel H. Jagart, their guardian, to the bill of complaint of David Barnum and others, against them in this Court exhibited: These Defendants cannot admit any of the matters and things alleged in said bill, and being infants of tender years submit their rights to the protection of this Court.