acquainted with the said Paul in & about the month of April 1818?
2nd Was or not your intercourse with the said Paul in his lifetime of such character as to enable you to form an opinion in respect to the sanity or insanity of the said Paul? If yea, then say whether or not in your opinion the said Paul was of a sound & disposing mind & capable of making a valid deed or contract on & about the month of April 1818? and state any circumstances or reasons on which you may have formed the opinion so expressed

Th. S. Alexander

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Cross Interrogatories on the part of Isaac Paul et al to John E. Pond a witness produced by James Owings
1st How frequently were you in the habit of seeing said Isaac Paul during the period you speak of?
2nd Are you certain you knew or lived near said Isaac Paul in April 1818 If yea. How do you fix the fact in your mind
3rd You state that you knew said Paul up to & including the year 1818. State whether you saw much of him after that time & where you lived after that time & how far from said Paul

Robert J. Brent
for Defendants

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Wednesday 27th Sept 1854. On this day the Commissioner at the request of the Solicitors for the respective parties respened the Commission in this cause at his office in St. Paul St. in the city of Baltimore at 12 O'clock M. & proceeded then & there in the presence of the said Solicitors to examine further evidences in the said cause under the authority of the said Commission

Anthony Smith a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Defendants being duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God & examined to Interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Defendants & herewith returned, deposeth and saith as follows to the
First Interrogatory I was acquainted with the late Isaac Paul. I became acquainted with him I think in January or February 1817 and knew him up to the time of his death in December 1825.
Second Interrogatory About January or February 1817. I staid all night at said Pauls house. This was just after he left Guilford Mills, and while he resided at any Howards I never knew him while he lived at the Mills. The next morning he gave his son Joseph directions to go to the Mill, and attend to some grinding From this I supposed he was about winding up his affairs at Guilford Mills.
This was the impression made upon me at the time. He appeared to be indifferent about everything and grew more so, so much so that it was the subject of frequent remark, that Isaac Paul had become careless and good for nothing. He appeared to be so careless

about the concerns of his family that I took his youngest daughter Rebecca home with me to live, and kept her about a year, until she could get a situation in Baltimore to learn the mantua making business. I dont think said Paul was capable of making a contract at any time after I knew him. He appeared to have lost his mind & grew more and more so until he killed himself. I frequently saw said Paul.
Third Interrogatory I knew of nothing else. Whereupon the counsel for the Complainant exhibited his cross Interrogatories to be put to said witness, which are herewith returned and the said witness being examined thereon deposeth and saith as follows to the
First Cross Interrogatory. I first saw said Paul in 1817 or 1818. I know it because it was before my son William was born
Second Cross Interrogatory. I dont know at what time said Paul left Guilford Mills.
And on this day Thomas S. Alexander Esq. Solicitor for the Complainant filed with the Commissioner as evidence in this cause on behalf of the said Complainant the annexed copy of Record marked A.A.O. No 2 which said paper as an Exhibit is herewith under the hand & seal of the Commissioner returned.
Whereupon no other witnesses appearing the Commissioner adjourned the Commission until further notice.
Monday December 18. 1854. The Commissioner gave notice to the parties that the Commission would be open at his office on Tuesday the 19th inst. at 12 O'clock M.
Tuesday 19th December 1854. The Commission was open pursuant to notice in the presence of the Solicitors for the respective parties Geo. L. Stockett a witness heretofore examined on the part of the Complainant being recalled by the Complainant and further examined to interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Complainant & herewith returned deposeth and saith as follows to the
First Interrogatory I was acquainted with said Paul I knew him throughout the year 1818 and for many years before
Second Interrogatory My intercourse with said Paul was of a character that enabled me to form an opinion of his sanity or insanity. It is my opinion that said Paul was of a sound & disposing mind in and about April 1818 Enough so to make a valid deed or contract. I am led to this Opinion from the intercourse I had with said Paul. I frequently saw said Paul about that time at his mill & transacted business with him. In the months of August & September 1818 said Pauls two sons Joseph & Isaac were both sick. Isaac remained ill for sometime, some 6 or 8 weeks. I was there every other night to nurse them during that time. I saw nothing in said Pauls conduct to induce me to believe he was anything but sane. I never heard of his being insane, until after he removed to Baltimore which was after the death of his second wife, who died in January 1822. Whenever I was