reserving) and reserving) to themselves all and all manner of benefit and advantage of Exception that can or may hereafter be had or taken to the many) untruths, uncertainties insufficiences and imperfections in the said Complainants said bill Contained for answer thereunto or to so much thereof as these Defendants apprehend (materially) concerns them to make answer unto they answering) say they admit that the said Thomas Usher deceased and the Defendant Joseph Donaldson being) in the life time of the said Thomas Usher deceased joint traders and merchants in partnership and in the Course of their trade and merchandize aforesaid the said Thomas Usher in his life time and the said Joseph Donaldson became indebted to the Complainants in the sum of twenty one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight pounds, Currant Money) and that the said Thomas Usher and the Defendant Joseph Donaldson about the time in the Complainants bill mentioned passed their bond or obligation to the Complainants in the penalty thereon mentioned and for the payment of the sum of Money aforesaid at the time in the said bond or obligation mentioned with legal interest on such part thereof as should then remain unpaid as by the said Bond in the hands of the Complainants to which these Defendants for greater certainty beg leave to refer more fully) appears. These Defendants further answering) say they admit that before any part of the said Debt was paid or satisfied the said Thomas Usher died about the time in the Complainants said bill mentioned; having) first duly made and published his last will and testament in writing) and also a Codicil to the same; by which among) other things he devised, directed and empowered his executors or the survivor or survivors of them or such of them as should take upon them to execute his said will to make sale of all and every) part of his real estate and to execute a Deed or Deeds for the same to any person purchaser or purchasers thereof in fee simple) subject to his wife

Dower and that the money) which should arise by the sale thereof and all the residue of his estate of every kind whatsoever was thereby) with the among) his children the Defendants Thomas Usher and Joseph Usher and James Usher, Ann Usher Robert Usher, Elizabeth Usher, Sarah Usher and Samuel Usher share and share alike and that he constituted these defendants his executors thereof as by the said will and testament and Codicil appears, and these defendants further answering say that the said Robert Usher in the said last will and testament named died a considerable time before the said Thomas Ushers death and the said James Usher died since the death of the said Thomas Usher. These defendants further answering) say they admit that by the said bond the said Thomas Usher bound himself his heirs executors and administrators for the payment of the said debt to the Complainants jointly and severally with the Defendant Joseph Donaldson who is the answering) obliged and answerable for the same in the first place out of the partnership effects. These defendants further answering say they admit that the said Thomas Usher died seized of a considerable real estate and possessed of a personal estate in partnership with the Defendant Joseph Donaldson his part of which amounted to the sum of eleven thousand one hundred and twenty) and pounds one shilling) and seven pence half penny) including a list of separate debts which came to the possession of the said John Donaldson and was subject in the first place as these defendants apprehend to the payment of the partnership debts and these defendants also say) that the said Thomas Usher was at the time of his death also possessed of a personal estate in his own right to the amount of four thousand three hundred and twelve pounds thirteen shillings and one pence which came to the Defendants, Joseph Donaldson, Thomas Usher and Joseph Usher's hands as by the inventory) and appraisement of the estate filed in the Register's office of Wills for Baltimore County) more fully appears since which time and additional appraisement hath been made to the amount