George R C Todd
vs
R S Todd's Adr & Heirs

Pursuant to the decree herein after having the slaves decreed to be sold valued & consulting with the counsel of both Complainant & Deft they having agreed that said valuation was about right I told D C Humphreys who applied to purchase them for the widow, he might take them at private sale at valuation but before the bond was executed I B Beckley counsel for Geo R C Todd in [illegible] me that Sd Todd was dissatisfied and would give more for them I then wrote to Hum[illegible] advising him of that fact. but learned he was ill & confined to his [illegible] some days afterwards I saw Mrs Todd [illegible] offered to execute the bond when I informed her that the Complainant was not satisfied and would give more. I understood her to say [illegible] not and some few days ago Geo R C Todd came to me and said he was prepared to buy and would give more for the negroes. I told him what had been done and he replied as I understood him that the other parties were willing to give them up I am very distinct in my recollection that he told me he had seen Mrs Todd & she so informed him & I think he also said the same of Humphreys. I declined doing any thing until I could see the other parties or their attys and Geo R C Todd pleaded the necessity of his immediate return

home stating that he had a very sick family I endeavoured to see Mr C Johnson the Counsel for the widow but he was out of town upon the representation of Geo Todd made to me - I let him have the negroes and to my surprise the next day Mr Humphreys came up and told me neither Mrs Todd or he had ever agreed that they should be given up - I immediately wrote to Geo R C Todd and requested him to come up and bring the negroes and cancel his note & that I would put them at public sale to the highest bidder and let the best bid take the Geo R C Todd has the negroes Pen & Harvey in [illegible] & the woman and child are in [illegible] of Mrs Todd To my letter requesting the surrender of negroes Geo R Todd gave a peremptory refusal

All of which is respectfully submitted

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