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State of Arkansas  
County of Hempstead  
Hempstead Circuit Court  
October Term 1840  
October 9<sup>th</sup> 1840

Dear Rector  
Plaintiff  
Defendant  
Charles S. Mitchell

This day came the said parties by attorney and said defendant files his plea of Non detrahit to which the plaintiff joins issue, all in short by consent upon the record, and thereupon a motion and by consent of parties, it is ordered that this case be continued until the next Term of this Court, and that either party here have to take depositions generally before any Judge or Justice of the peace in any of the United States to be used as evidence on the trial of this case

at true copy from the record

To Charles S. Mitchell the above named defendant

Take notice that by virtue of a decessary process pursuant to the above rule we shall proceed to take the depositions of witnesses at the Law office of John James Ingram in the Town of Van Buren in the County of Crawford in the State of Arkansas on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1840 and continue from day to day until completed to be used as evidence on the trial of the above entitled case, when and where you may attend if you think proper  
November 14<sup>th</sup> 1840  
Cocke & Peltz

State of Ark. comes  
County of Hempstead } Job  
Township of Quar }  
}

Be it remembered that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day  
of November A.D. 1840 personally came James T. Standley  
before me the undersigned Justice of the peace and made  
and subscribed the following affidavit, viz: That he  
did on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1840 deliver to  
Charles P. Mitchell in the Town of Washington  
Hempstead County Ark. a copy of the within return  
from to and subscribed S. C. Standley  
before me the date  
above written

R. I. Phillips J.P.

Opened file  
Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> 1842  
J. W. Sanders CLK