

COMMISSION
TO TAKE DEPOSITION.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
SHELBY COUNTY.

TO Samuel Leeper & N B Mardis

KNOW YE that we having full faith in your prudence and competency, have appointed
you Commissioners, and by these presents do authorize you, or ~~any~~ either or more of
you, at such time and place as you may appoint, to call before you and examine *J T Leeper,*
Rich^d A Brasher, Wilie H Pope, & Willis M Pledger

as witnesses in behalf of *contestants* in a case pending ~~in our Circuit~~

~~Court for Shelby county, Alabama, wherein~~ in & before the Convention of the people
of the State of Alabama now in session in the city of Montgomery
in said State in which case John R Kenan & John F M Welch are
are contestants & John M McLanahan & George D Shortridge sitting mem-
bers of said Convention are contestees, said case being a contest by
said Kenan & Welch of the right of said McLanahan & Shortridge
to seats in said Convention as delegates from the
County of Shelby in said State, Defendant

on oath to be by you administered, upon interrogatories annexed to this Commission; to take, re-
duce to writing and certify the deposition of the witnesses, and return the same to our said Con-
vention Court, with all convenient speed, under your hands and seals.

WITNESS WILIE H. POPE, Clerk of ~~the~~ *of said County of Shelby* Circuit Court, at office, this *25th* day of

January A. D one thousand eight hundred and ~~sixty~~ *sixty one*

Wilie H Pope

CLERK, &c.

Issued the

25th day of *January*

18 *61*

Alabama	Deposition of
Columbus	E. F.
	A. B.

D I R E C T I O N S .

1. If the time and place of executing the commission are not named therein, the Commissioner will subpoena the witness to appear before them at such time and place as they may appoint, and administer the oath to witness.

2. Either the Commissioner, witness or some impartial person must reduce the answer of witness to writing as near as may be in the language of the witness.

3. The heading, or title of the Depositions should be in this form:

"Deposition of A. B. witness sworn (or affirmed) and examined under and by virtue of a Commission issued out of the Circuit Court for Shelby County, State of Alabama, in a certain cause therein depending, between C. D., Plaintiff, and E. F., Defendant."

"A. B., of —, being duly sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, doth depose and say as follows:

"1st. To the first interrogatory he saith—

"2d. To the second interrogatory he saith—

"1st. To the first cross interrogatory he saith—

When the Deposition is finished, it must be subscribed by the witness and certified as follows:

A. — B. —

We the Commissioners, in said commission named, do hereby certify that the evidence of the witness A. B., was taken down under oath and subscribed by him in our presence on the — day of — 18 —

at —, in the county of —, State of —, and that we have personal knowledge of said witness, or (if unacquainted with the witness,) that proof has been made before us of the personal identity of said witness.

WITNESS our hands and seals,

G. — H. — [seal]

L. — K. — [seal]

} Comm'rs.

4. The Commissioners will fold the Commission, Interrogatories, Answers, and any document deposed to by the witness in a packet, sealed. They will write their names across the seals and direct it thus:

C. — D. —	}	To	
vs.			Esq.,
			Clerk of the Circuit Court,
			Columbiana,
E. — F. —	}		Alabama,
Deposition of			
A. — B. —	}		

The package may be sent by mail or private conveyance.