







hearing was given to the Defendant by first class mail to his last known address, the subject property. An Order was issued by the undersigned on July 2, 2020, quieting title to the subject property in favor of the Plaintiffs and ordering the Defendant's eviction from the premises. On July 15, 2020, the Defendant filed a motion captioned "MOTION FOR REHEARING SUPPORTED BY RULE 240" in which he requested a new trial in this matter on the grounds of 1) the Plaintiffs' failure to respond to pre-suit letters delivered to Plaintiff's counsel and 2) lack of notice of the June 25, 2020 trial.

At the hearing, the Court heard arguments from the Defendant and Plaintiff's counsel. Based on the arguments presented and a review of the Court's file, the Court finds that the Defendant, having failed to file a responsive pleading or otherwise appear in this matter despite proper service of process, is in default. As to the Defendant's claim of lack of notice, the Court finds that in accordance with Rule 55(b)(2), the Defendant was properly notified of the trial in this matter, by first class mail delivered to his last known address. The Court further finds that the substantive claims presented by the Defendant are without merit as it relates to his failure to his failure to answer the Plaintiff's Complaint and any claim for relief from the July 2, 2020 Order of this Court.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the findings hereinabove set forth; the Defendant's Motion for Rehearing is hereby DENIED.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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Joseph K. Coffey  
Master-In-Equity for Clarendon County

September 11, 2020

Manning, South Carolina