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SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY  
CHANCERY PAPERS

BIRDSONG VS. NEWSUM

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To the worshipful court of Southampton  
county in their very sitting humbly complain  
sheweth unto your worshipps, your oratrix Gully  
Murdons widow and relict of Charles a Brooding  
decd. that the said decd. had both lately departed  
this life ~~entirely~~ <sup>after having enjoyed</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>of</sup> tract  
of Land in this county to a certain Thomas  
Newman containing about 268 acres, your  
oratrix here states that she has never relinquished  
her right of dower in the said land, either before  
or since the death of her husband in conse-  
quence of which her right therein remains com-  
plete, but now so it is may it please the court & the  
said Newman altogether refuses to permit her  
dower in the said tract of Land to be set apart  
for and be enjoyed by her in the usual man-  
ner whereof she prays, that your court to appoint & com-  
missioners who may immediately proceed to  
lay off and allot to your oratrix one third part  
of the said tract of Land as her dower and  
grant to your oratrix such other and farther  
as may be consistent with equity may it  
please &

The answer of Thomas Newman to the  
going bill of complaint, This defendants  
swearing and answering to himself & for answer  
saith, that <sup>the</sup> facts stated in the complainants  
bill are true and that he has no objection  
to a decree answering thereto. Tho. Newman

on consideration whereof the court doth order  
adjudge and decree that Richard Blount  
Esq<sup>r</sup> Pope, John Burns, and <sup>George Gurley</sup> ~~Esq<sup>r</sup> Board~~  
or any three of them do immediately proceed  
to divide and lay off one third of the tract of  
Land in the bill mentioned and set apart  
and allot the same to the complainant as tax  
debt in the same and that they make report  
to

Richard Blount }  
vs } Bill  
John Burns }

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