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SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

EDWARDS & al VS. COOK'S ADMINISTRATRIX 1/1811

See also: Cook's Heirs v. Cook's Widow. 1811-5
Edwards v. Edwards 1811-15

No 260

Edwards

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To the worshipful Court of Southampton in Chancery
sitting - Humbly complaining shew unto your worshipps
your complainants Nathl E Edwards, Wm Edwards
Francis Edwards, Polly Edwards, Patsy Edwards and
Louise Edwards infants by their next friend and
Guardian Nathl Edwards. That they are the
children of the said Nathl Edwards and
Polly his wife formerly Polly Cook daughter
of Lazarus Cook and late of this County. That
the said Lazarus Cook departed this life sometime
in the year intestate possessed of a valuable
personal estate. That a certain Elizabeth
Cook widow of said Lazarus took out
letters of administration on said decedent's
estate and hath proceeded to administer
the same so far as to make sale of a
considerable part of the said personal
estate and to collect debts due to the same
That your infant complainants by their
Guardians have made repeated and
ineffectual applications to the said Elizabeth
Cook as aforesaid to pay over to your
complainants their proportion of said personal
estate which they claim as the heirs or repres-
entatives of their deceased mother Polly she being
entitled equally with six other children (or
their heirs) of the said Lazarus Cook to the same
after deducting that proportion to which the

said Elizabeth widow as aforesaid would by
law be entitled to; That the said Lazarus
Cook at the time of his death was indebted
but in a trifling amount, and his estate
was left in an unembarrassed situation
so that but a very short time could have
been necessary to have fully settled the
same - a time at least much shorter than
that already taken by the said Elizabeth
yet the said Elizabeth hath always avowed
that further time was necessary to settle the
estate, and your complainants from
time to time have met with disappointments
in effecting a settlement upon some frivolous
pretence & thus all which is contrary to
equity and good conscience and tends to the
great injury and oppression of your
complainant. In tender consideration
whereof and in as much as your complainants
are reminded in the premises except by the
intervention of a Court of Equity where matters
of this kind are properly and always cognizable
They pray that the said Elizabeth Cook adm^r
of Lazarus Cook's estate may be made a debt
hears and upon her corporal oath to be taken
upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God
as full true perfect and unvaried an answer

& make to all and singular the allegations
herein contained as if the same were here again
repeated and she thereto more particularly
interrogated and more especially that she should
say what was the amount of the personal estate
of the said Lazarus Cook's estate? and in what
manner she hath administered it? and
in fine that she be compelled to render to the
Court a just true and perfect account of all
her transactions in said estate. And your
complainants pray that your worship would
decree that the said Elizabeth adm^r as aforesaid
be compelled to pay over to your complainants
their proportion of the said personal estate
agreeably to the statement of their claim herein
before submitted. And they further pray that
your worship would grant such other and
further relief in the premises as may be
consistent with Equity and good conscience
and they will &c. —