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Chancery Papers: Beale, Wright & Co, Edwards & Co, Johnson & Co vs Bracey, the Younger 5/1814

Southampton County

Beale vs Bracey, admr of Bracey

Beale
Johnson V. B.
vs
Bracey } Bill-

To the Justices of Southampton County
sitting in Chancery, humbly complaining
shew unto your Worships Your Orators
and Petitioners Elizabeth Beale, James Wright
and Mary his wife, Minchen Edwards and
Miriam his wife and James Johnson
and Patience his wife.

That Francis Bracey the
slaves departed this life intestate A.D. 1781.
leaving Your Petitioners Complainants and a
certain Francis Bracey his children and
a widow, to wit

Bracey who has lately
departed this life also. That the s^d widow

was endowed of three slaves of the property
of her s^d dec^d husband, That one of these
to wit died shortly after. That the
others have encreased considerably in
number and that the aboves^d Francis the
Younger has obtained possession thereof,

and refuses, ^{either} to come to a fair and equitable
division of the same, or to pay to your
Compell^t such monies as their legal portions
are reasonably worth.

In tender consideration of
these circumstances, ~~your~~ and for as
much as ^{you} ~~your~~ Ovals and ovalwies are
only and properly relievable in a Court
of chancery, they may be interposed
of ^{your} ~~your~~ Worships.

To the end whereupon they
may pray that the s^d Francis Bracey
may be made Dep^t to this bill of Compell^t
and that he may be compelled upon
his corporal oath full true and soaped
answers to make to all and singular the
allegations herein contained, and that
as fully as if he same were here again
particularly repeated and interrogated;
and more especially, that he set forth
if he s^d widow had not such
slaves in her possession as of her dowry

after time of her decease, and if your
ovalwies are not the children of the
s^d Francis Bracey his father. They
pray that ^{not only} ~~your~~ Worships will decree
an equal division of the s^d slaves
among themselves and the s^d F. Bracey
but also appoint fit and proper persons
for carrying the same into effect.
or make such other order or decree
as may be consistent with equity
justice and the law.

May it please
Rich^d W. Pryor
P. 2

Beale Wright do. d

no } Spa
Bracy } in
Ch. L.

Spa

To March 1800

copy left this 7th
day of March 1800
As Sebrell dy for
Mottiguhart & Shiff

The commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of
Southampton County greeting you are hereby commanded
to Summon Francis Bracy Jr

to appear before the justices of our Said Court at the
Courthouse of the Said County on the third ^{March} Monday in ~~April~~

Nent then and there to answer ~~the petition~~ of a bill in chancery
exhibited agst him by Elizabeth Beale, James Wright & Mary his wife Kinchen
Edwards & Monam his wife & James Johnson & ~~William~~ Patience his wife
exhibited against ^{them} and have then ^{as this day is set to meet upon all properly ~~presented~~ have} there this ~~with~~ ^{Wm} Wilmer

Sam Kello clerk of our Said Court at the Courthouse the
day February 1800 and on the 24 year of the Comm^d
Sam Kello

Bent Vickers 16
vs } Sp
Prayer ed of Chf

To Sep 1801
Executed Sept. 15th
1801 Tho. Standley Esq
for
Jesse Browne M^{fr}-

May 1814 cont. &

The Commonwealth of VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton county, greeting.

WE command you to summon *Fanny Bracey adm^o*

Francis Bracey &

to appear before the Justices of our said county court of
at the courthouse of the said county, *on the third Monday in*

Sept^r next then and there to answer the ~~petition~~ of a bill in chancery
exhibited against her by Eliz Beal James Wright & Mary his wife Knackerd
Cauards and Miriam his wife James Johnsons & Patience his wife
exhibited against

And have then there this writ.

Witness *Sam^l Wells* —

Clerk of our said court, at the

courthouse, the 2^d —

day of *July*

1801

in the

25th

year of the Commonwealth.

Sam^l Wells C