

is a purchaser from John A Booth inasmuch in right of his said purchase as like sum with like interest by consent of said Booth. That the said Edwards ^{to wit} who it appears is a purchaser of the money to which Henry Booth would be entitled return by virtue of his said purchase a like sum with like interest by consent of said Booth. That the said Edwards Wells administrator de bonis mort of Peter Booth do pay to James Holmes & Hannah his wife, to John L Warren, to John C Nicholas administrator of Susan Faison dec'd to William White administrator of his dec'd wife Dianna. To William L Everett sheriff & Committee of Peter B Warren, to William L Everett sheriff & Committee of Elijah M Branch dec'd each the sum of fifteen hundred and thirty eight dollars eighty three cents with interest on eight hundred and forty seven dollars seventy six cents to part thereof from the 31st day of December 1845 till paid.

And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that James B Urquhart, Robert Murray, Benjamin L Drew and G. A. W. Stewart any three of whom may act who are appointed Commissioners for that purpose divide the negro slaves and their increase of which Peter Booth dec'd proposed into two moieties and allot one moiety to Peter J. Holmes being the portion to which he is entitled on his own right and distributive of his brother John Holmes the administrator of the said John Holmes hereby consenting and agreeing thereto that they allot one third of the other half to Nicholas Portsmouth administrator of his deceased wife Priscilla. That the remainder (being one third of the whole) be divided into two parts of equal value - one half to be equally divided between John Southall and Polly his wife, Elizabeth M Brewster, Rodwin & Snodgrass Committee of Peter Booth, Polricks & Rollings administrator of Ann Rollings, Robert Eldridge Sheriff of Sussex County & Committee of the estate of Martha Morris dec'd. John A Booth and William Deale a purchaser from Henry Booth by consent of the said Henry - And the other half to be equally divided between James Holmes and Hannah his wife, John L Warren, John C Nicholas administrator of Susan Faison dec'd William White administrator of his deceased wife Dianna, William L Everett Sheriff and Committee of Peter B Warren and the said Everett Committee of the estate of Elijah M Branch dec'd.

That if the division of the last mentioned third cannot be effected in kind the Commissioners will divide as far as it is practicable and if necessary make sale of one or more of the slaves in that portion at the Court house of Southampton after giving thirty days notice of the time and place of sale, for cash, for the purpose of effecting said division which said Commissioners are requested to make report to this Court in order to a final decree. And it is further ordered and decreed that William L Goddard one of the Commissioners of this Court ascertain the kind, quantity and value of the chattel estate which passed into the hands of Priscilla Portsmouth dec'd late Holmes - how much if any of said chattels were illegally sold by the said Priscilla or Nicholas J Portsmouth ^{to wit} the kind, quantity and value of said chattels and the same come with the Peter J. Holmes and the said Goddard report on or before the 1st day of January 1846 which said accounts the Commissioners will report with any monies specially directed deemed pertinent by himself or which may be required by any of the parties to be so stated.

That the parties to whom money is decreed to be paid by this decree shall not have the benefit thereof till they or some one for them shall respectively enter responding bonds with good security payable to Edwards Wells administrator of Peter Booth dec'd in a penalty equal to double the amount decreed to be paid to them respectively, conditioned to refund their due proportions of any debt which may hereafter be recovered against the estate of Peter Booth dec'd and of the costs of such recovery - and file said bonds with the Clerk of this Court to be filed by them among the papers in this cause -