Thursday Morning November 8th 1866

Present
The Hon. Geo. Plum Judge

In the Matter of the Petition of James Bowden & Sarah Bowden & others & Henry Chuck & the County of Northampton Virginia Petitioners

In Chancery

Petition filed

Petition Betty administrator of Henry W. Betts dec'd Better Betts, widow of H. W. Betts, Owen A. Betts, Rich'd H. Betts, Annie L. & Eugenia T. Betts, the last four infants by G. R. Edwards their Guardian ad litem Defendants

This Cause came on this day to be heard on the Bill of the Complainants taken for Confessed as to Better Betts Widow of H. W. Betts dec'd before whom proof has been duly given of the bill having been duly served upon the defendants & the said Betts having failed to appear & plead, answer or demur, & the said Owen A. Betts, Richard H. Betts, Annie Lee Betts & Eugenia T. Betts, Minors, children of Henry W. Betts dec'd by G. R. Edwards their guardian ad litem appeared & filed their replication thereto, & the said Better Betts the defendant being also present by counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, decree & decree, that R. R. Griffin, Esq. & is hereby appointed a Commissioner for the Special purpose of receiving & executing a Deed of Special Warranty, & deeds to James Dennett, Anthony Speels, Kinchen Fitzy, Stephen Harris, trustees of their purchase in Eastville, to have & to hold in perpetuity, as trustees of the African Baptist Church & Principal Zion Church near Nottoway Depot, Va. on the S. R. Rail Road in Northampton County, the real Estate mentioned & described in the Complainants bill, to be held by them as such trustees & for the use & benefit of the said Church, provided that the said trustees do cause to be given for them & their 90 days from this date, pay unto the said Commissioner the residue of the purchase money to wit, the sum of $[illegible] with interest thereon from the 1st day of June 1866. And the said Commissioner shall immediately after receiving the said sum of money from the said trustees, pay over the same to the personal representatives of the said Henry W. Betts dec'd & the shares decreed for the same in decree as of the personal effects of the said Henry W. Betts dec'd. And the said R. R. Griffin Commissioner shall not proceed to discharge the duties imposed by this decree until he shall have received in the Clerk's Office of this County, before the clerk thereof, a bond in the penalty of Five hundred dollars with satisfactory personal security conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties imposed by this decree & report to Court.