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Ordered that Willie Francis, Benjamin Turner, Benjamin Blunt Jr. and Samuel Turner or any three of them being first sworn for that purpose do well and truly appraise in current money all the personal estate of Thomas Mason deceased and return the appraisement under their hands to the Court.

Eli Cohen and Susanna his wife formerly Susanna Williams daughter of Arthur Williams, and John Napier and Lucy his wife formerly Lucy Williams also a daughter of said Arthur Williams

Complts.

against

Henry Briggs admr D.B. of John James dec. and Martha Davis formerly Martha Williams widow of Arthur Williams dec.

Defts.

In Chancery

This cause this day came on to be heard upon the bill of the complts taken in this cause read by consent of the parties answer of the defendants depositions & exhibits and arguments of counsel whereupon on and upon due consideration thereof made It is decreed ordered and adjudged that the complts recover of the defts Henry Briggs admr on aforsaid the slaves mentioned in the bill except Cicely one of the slaves aforsaid who is now dead the court being of opinion that said Cicely was given the slave from whom the others have descended was given by the s<sup>r</sup> John James in his life time to Arthur Williams the father of the female complts at the time he married said James daughter Martha as a marriage portion - The court doth further decree that the complts pay to the deft Briggs the sum \$1410:22 with int. on \$198 part thereof from the 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec. 1818 also on \$109 part thereof from the 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec. 1815 and also on \$110:34 another part thereof from the 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec. 1820 and also that they pay the further sum of \$80 to the s<sup>r</sup> deft Briggs which last sum (it is agreed between the parties) is the amount of the expense of maintaining the negroes this year, and that Samuel B. Hines, Benja. Cobb, Geo. Hines & Mr. Briggs or any 3 of them or first proceed to make sale of some of said slaves after reasonable public notice for cash as may be sufficient to pay the sums aforsaid together that they pay the same to the deft Briggs, and that they divide the remainder of said slaves into 3 equal parts having regard to value & allot one part to the s<sup>r</sup> Martha Davis for her life to which she is intitled as the widow of Arthur Williams dec. one part to the complts Eli Cohen & Susanna his wife in right of his said wife and the remaining part to John Napier & Lucy his wife in right of his said wife and further that they make a report to this court in order to a final decree