

penalty of twelve thousand dollars and sentenced as the law directs and that the Plaintiff prays against the defendant that costs Whichever the Court shall order. *Shelton* with Benjamin Denny, Alfred Rich and Benjamin Coffin be decreed which by consent of the said James M. Thomas J. Shelton Decrees & sentences as aforesaid was accepted by the Court. Interest entered and acknowledges a true account to the above cases.

The Court certified that it appears from evidence that Mordaunt Thomas was the apprentice of William Jones a free Negro who was charged with these slaving and was afterwards convicted of that offence by the County Court of Somerset and that the said Mordaunt Thomas was not examined as a Witness on the trial of the said William Jones.

Ordered that the Account of Mordaunt Thomas according to these orders and fifty shillings two shillings pence be certified in the Auditor of public accounts for Examination and payment.

Pleas and answers
against
Mordaunt

Pleas
In Chancery
Defendant

This Cause was this day admitted and by consent of parties with the assent of the Court and came on to be heard on the bill and answer and was argued by Counsel on consideration whereof the Court with lively sagacity order and decree that Littlebury Mason of the Middlesex do attend to Nancy Mordaunt widow of Samuel Mordaunt and attended by the County Clerks for one third of the time whereof the said Samuel died saying having regard to greatly and greatly for the sake saving her life at her house of the same that the same Court or those executing this decree do send the Negro slave into two Norths and allot one of them to the said Nancy for her use during her life and it is further decreed that the same Commissioners after advertising the time and place of sale for ten days sell to the highest bidder subject to the various orders on these Mordaunt Court the land whereof Samuel Mordaunt died saying that the said Commissioners do also sell the Negro Slaves in the last mentioned on as the Court ordering enough in each enough to defray the expenses of executing this decree that they take of the purchasers respectively bonds with good security so as to sell two eleventh of the proceeds deducting the expenses to the plaintiffs Tipton to the plaintiffs John and Sarah Mordaunt nephews of John Mordaunt and each one eleventh to Elizabeth Rogers and Benjamin nephew of Benjamin Mordaunt and fourth two eleventh to the plaintiffs Peter and wife two eleventh to the children of Mary Thomas and one eleventh and to Anthony Mordaunt one eleventh but the said parties respectively are not to have the benefit of this decree so far as the Slaves are concerned until they or some one for them shall have respectively paid to the said James Boyant as agent as aforesaid bond with good security each in a penalty equal to double the amount of their respective shares conditioned to refund according to law that the Commissioners make report to the Court on or before a final decree.

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