

1824-018 Chancery Causes. Micajah Bedgood, Benjamin Bedgood & Elizabeth Bedgood, by & c  
Isle of Wight County vs Henry Casey, admr of Dawson Bedgood

other SURNAMES: Jordan, Stott,  
Wills

Bidgood per next friend & curator - Compt.

or:

In Chancery.

Bidgood adms:

Deft.

By consent of parties and with the  
assent of the Court this cause this day was  
docketed, and came on to be heard upon  
the Bill answering & exhibits filed and was  
argued by Counsel, whereupon the Court  
after mature deliberation, doth adjudge  
order and decree, that Ormerit Lord an  
be appointed a Comr, and he is hereby  
directed to sell at public Auction, after  
first giving ten days <sup>public</sup> notice by advertisement  
of the time & place of sale, upon a credit  
of six months, except so much as will  
pay the cost of this suit and all other cost  
& charges attending the premises, which is to  
be Cash, Philip, the negro slave of which  
Dawson Bidgood did seize, and that  
he take from the purchaser or purcha-  
-ser, three promissory notes of equal  
amounts, after deducting cost & char-  
-ges, with good security to each, and  
pay over and assign one, to each of  
the legal heirs of the infant Compt.  
in this cause, and the other to the Curator  
or Committee of the s<sup>d</sup>. Elizabeth Bidgood  
as & for their proportions and interest in &  
to the s<sup>d</sup>. slave Philip - and that he make  
report of his proceedings to this Court in  
order to a final decree -

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The first of these is the  
 fact that the system of  
 the British Empire is  
 based on the principle of  
 the separation of powers  
 and the division of labour  
 between the different  
 branches of the government  
 and the different departments  
 of the state. This system  
 has been the basis of the  
 success of the British  
 Empire for many years  
 and it is the only system  
 which has been able to  
 maintain its position in  
 the world for so long a  
 period.

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To the Worshipful Court of Isclopelt  
County in Chancery Setting, humbly complain-  
-ing shew unto your worships, Your Orators  
& Oratrix Michael Bidgood & Benjamin  
Bidgood Infants of tender Years acting by  
Jno. W. Jordan & Junr. their next friends,  
and Eliz<sup>a</sup>. Bidgood a person insane, acting  
by Matthew Miles her curator & committee.

That Dawson Bidgood Clerk of the County  
afore<sup>d</sup> but now dec<sup>d</sup>. ~~deceased~~ and brother of  
the whole blood to the infant Orason & his Ora-  
=trix, departed this life on about the day of  
in the 4<sup>th</sup>, after having duly made &  
published his last will & testament in mi-  
~~scribing~~ but failed to appoint any ex<sup>ec</sup>utors  
thereof, ~~but~~ that a certain Henry ~~Craig~~ ~~last~~  
only proved the ~~will~~ in the County Court  
afore<sup>d</sup> and qualified as the adv<sup>er</sup> with the  
will annexed of the same deceased, as will  
fully appear by an Office Copy of the ~~will~~  
will hereto annexed & prayed as a part  
of the Bill - That the s<sup>d</sup>. Dawson was seized  
& possessed at the time of his death of a likely  
negro slave and ~~or~~ some other considerable  
personal estate, as will likewise appear  
by an authentication copy of the inventory  
and appraisement thereof duly made and  
returned to the County Court afore<sup>d</sup> in the ~~former~~  
~~month~~ - That it seems to be ~~agreed~~ that the  
said adv<sup>er</sup> with the will annexed of the  
s<sup>d</sup>. Dawson, will have a considerable  
surplus of est<sup>ate</sup> left in his hands of value  
of the s<sup>d</sup>. Negro slave, after the paymt<sup>nt</sup> of all  
the debts of the s<sup>d</sup>. Dawson and that John  
Orason & Oratrix by their s<sup>d</sup>. next friends & cura-  
=tor or Committee are desirous that the said

negro slave should be sold to the highest  
by a Court whom y<sup>r</sup> honor may appoint  
for that purpose and the proceeds thereof  
as y<sup>r</sup> honor shall direct ~~to be paid to the~~  
~~claimant or his heirs~~

equally divided between y<sup>r</sup> orator and  
Orator, which will be in conformity to  
the will of the s<sup>d</sup> Dawson. But now  
so it is my ~~displeasure~~ your worship, that  
the s<sup>d</sup> Henry Casey, herein after called deft<sup>r</sup>  
while he hath no objection to a sale of  
the s<sup>d</sup> negro by division of the proceeds as  
directed by the will of the s<sup>d</sup> Dawson  
But he refuses in ~~account of~~ <sup>the infancy of</sup> ~~the~~ ~~Orator~~  
~~and the incapacity of the s<sup>d</sup> Orator~~  
stating that it must be done by the  
sanction & authority of a Court of equity.  
all of which consist on the part of the said deft<sup>r</sup> in not complying with the  
On these considerations, ~~whereof~~ and  
for as much as y<sup>r</sup> Orator & Orator are  
without remedy in the premises, and in  
a Court of Chancery where matters of  
this sort are properly cognizable and  
alone removable - To this end therefore that  
the said deft<sup>r</sup> may be compelled to answer  
all & satisfy the allegations herein  
contained as fully as if the same were here  
again repeated, the Court more than  
readily intended to agree - And thus by  
a decree of this honorable Court, the s<sup>d</sup>  
negro slave (Philis) may be sold to the high-  
est bidder on such terms as y<sup>r</sup> honor may  
think proper by a Court  
who may be appointed for that pur-  
pose, & the proceeds of sale divided  
agreeably to the will of the s<sup>d</sup> Dawson

And may it please your honor to grant  
all such other relief in the premises  
as may be consistent with the rules &  
principals of this Court; & to award all  
such process as may be necessary & proper  
in the premises.

John W. Jordan

Samuel Holt

The answer of Henry Casey above with the will  
annexed of Dawson Bidgood and to a Bill  
of complaint against him of his wife in the  
County Court of Isle of Wight on the Part of Eli-  
=cajah Bidgood and Banya Bidgood, infants of  
tender years suing by John W. Jordan & Samuel Holt  
their next friends, and Elizabeth Bidgood, a person  
insane, suing by Matthew Wells her Curator  
& Committer - This respondent now and at  
all times hereafter saving & reserving to himself  
every advantage of exception to the many  
errors in the Compt<sup>y</sup>: s<sup>d</sup> Bill cont<sup>d</sup> for an-  
=swer thereto, or to so much as he is advised  
at present for him to answer unto, answereth  
& saith, that the allegations in the Compt<sup>y</sup>:  
said Bill, so far as he knows or believes, are  
correct and true, & that he is willing to ac-  
=knowledge in conformity to the prayer therein  
cont<sup>d</sup> or to such other order and decree  
that y<sup>r</sup> worship may think proper to  
make in the premises, & having thus  
answered, pray to be hence dismissed &  
discharged

Bidgood per  
not & friend of  
Bill and  
and several

Bidgood & son

January 5th 1824 Bill and  
and friend and Interlydeon

M. Jordan at  
Hewitt County Co.