

1839-005 Chancery Causes: James Lawrence vs John B. Lawrence
Isle of Wight County

Succoreu con.

January 3th. 1835 Bill &
exhibito filia.

Feb 2^d 1835 unrecd filia.

Mar 22^d Rules 1835 cont.

June Rules 1835 general
reg^s & fines & cont.

July Rules 1835 act for hear-
ing.

October 1835. Specimen
up to

We the jury find that the plain-
 tiff found the same is not an
 idiot or person of unsound
 mind, and mentally incapable
 of managing his own affairs.
 D. P. Phillips

Jane Lawrence
 n 3 Bile
 John Lawrence

January 5th 1835 Bill and
 exhibits filed.

April 5th 1835 answer of M^r
 B. Lawrence filed.

June 18th 1835 General rept.
 filed.

August Rules 1835 cause set for
 hearing.

October 1835 Specimen up
 18.

May 10th 1836

Jury - not agreeing in a verdict
 one of the Jurors withdrawn &
 the cause cont.

Octo 8th 1836

Cont.

May 5th 1837 Jury sworn &
 not agreeing, discharged & cont.

May 10th 1838 cont.

H. Lark 109

Octo 10th 1837

Cont. for det.

May 15th 1838.

Jury: verdict: Second
 book, — & Cont.

May 10th 1838

Verdict of the Jury certified
 filed.

October 10th 1838

decree for the pet. and that
 the deft. render & cont. 10.

Feb 4th 1839

rept. up & filed.

May 4th 1839

final decree int.

last, that he has the present year cultivated
a crop, and is so doing, he recs. no sort
of assistance from the White or superinten-
-dence of his Committee; but what is
procured by his own labour, by his own
slaves, and under his own supervision
non orator is forbidden to use or dispose
of for his own advantage. a state of
existence to him truly oppressive. Your
orator also will state that he has during
the present year intermarried with one
of his choice whom he desires to protect
and support in a way becoming his
circumstances; ~~but~~ but, for the food
which he and his wife are to subsist
on, he is to be dependent on the said
Committee so long as it shall exist, &
he avers that he and family are not
supported now in such way as to be
even comfortable. He asks that his said
Committee on the 3^d Decr 1833 recd from Lib
& Laurens' plantation of your orator \$2300.58
with intent on same from 31 Decr 1832 to 1st Jan
or with affidavit by ~~some~~ exhibit C which is
but to annul and pay to be considered
a part of this bill and the said John P. Dan-
-vers has recd. large sums as profits of the
land and slaves of your complainant.
He ~~prays~~ avers that he is capable of mana-
-ging his own estate, and has no use
for a Committee, and prays the Court to
remove him the said John P. Laurens for
misconduct and because he is fully
capable of taking care and proper care
of his person and estate. that the Court
will supersede the appointment by the Court

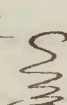
Court, of his Committee, because the said
Committee was irregularly & improperly
appointed - because, if it were true (which
he does not intend to admit) that he is
incapable of taking care of &
managing his estate, that incapacity
is removed and he has a wife fully
competent to advise and assist him in his
transactions; ^{he prays that he may be permitted to prove that} and if ~~you~~ ^{you} honor shall
doubt about the propriety of restoring
his estate, he begs that an ^{affidavit} ~~order~~ shall be
directed in order to ascertain his real
state of mind. That the said John P. Dan-
-vers shall be commanded to state &
settle his accounts before your honor,
that he may be made a party defendant
and he requires on his corporate oath, ~~that~~
that, just and perfect answer to make
to all and singular the allegations of your
said fully and veraciously and for
as much as he is without choice except
in a Court of Equity, he prays the Court will
grant him such other and for the re-
-lief as may be proper - that if in
the opinion of your honor, he ought to
have a Committee, that either the said
John P. Laurens, ~~or~~ ^{that} he remove
and his wife, or some other person
more agreeable to your orator, be
appointed in his stead - and as in duty
bound he will pray &c.

Atkinson &

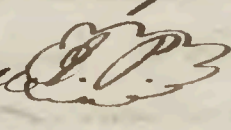
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To the Honble Richard H Baker judge of the
Circuit Superior Court of law and chancery for
the County of Ohio Wm. H. humbly complaining
sheweth unto your honor, your orator James
Laurence, that he is the son of John Lawrence
deceased late of the County of Ohio, and was
born to the age of twenty one years
about the day of ~~the~~ 1832, that in his
life, according to the law of the County of
Ohio he was entitled to demand and have of
his guardian, who was then John Lawrence
the estate to which he was entitled as from
the will of his father, and which he is
now in possession of by virtue of a
deed given to him by the said guardian; but without any
previous notice to your orator, and without
any examination, the County Court
of Ohio Wm. H. County, on the 7th day of
January 1833, appointed one John B. Lawrence
his brother, a committee for your
orator and to manage his person and
estate, opposing as true (that which was
not the fact), that your orator was inca-
pable of managing his own estate;
whereupon the said John B. Lawrence entered
into bond together with John B. Lawrence
his sureties for the penalty of \$8000
conditioned to all which will more
fully and at large appear by reference
to exhibits ~~which~~ which are hereto annexed
marked A & B and prayed to be taken
and considered parts of this bill. -
Your orator avers that the existence of the
committee to his person and estate is a
burthen and charge upon his estate
without any sort of benefit or advan-
tage. His land and slaves are in some
degree in his possession actually, so far as

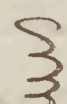
various sums received by this defendant
as the comm^{ee} of The Comp Laint^t, the
truth of which he is not prepared at
this moment to confess or deny) pray
to be hence dismissed with his costs.

Smith &  prody. John B. Lawrence

Saunderland County, to wit: This day
appeared before me, a justice of the
peace for the said county, John B. Law-
rence, who made oath that the
facts contained in the above answer
are true and correct to the best of his
knowledge & belief. Given under my hand
this 6th day of March, 1835

Wm. Sumner 

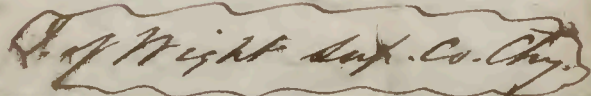
John B. Lawrence

is  Annally

John B. Lawrence

Smith &
Hodges

April 6th 1835. filed

 of Wright Sup. Co. Chy.

to appear satisfactorily to the Court that such a charge has been tried in his condition, the burden of proof as this defendant conceives devolves upon the Plaintiff, since the presumption is in favor of the correctness of the proceedings of the County Court, and to remove it the case leading to ~~it~~ ^{them} must be shown to have occurred to exist. Indeed every act of the complainant, his evinces the reverse of what he alleges to be true. His total want of prudence in all his transactions, his pecuniary improvidence, the contumely and indignity with which he treats his best friends, and the imputations practiced upon him by them who, insinuating themselves into his confidence, have instigated him to the institution of this suit, in the hope that when the only shield which protects him is removed, they may the more successfully revel in his misfortunes, - are facts too clear in their indications of mental derangement, and a want of that sound and rational discretion which ascertains to a state of moral sanity, to admit of the smallest doubt.

And this defendant further answers and says, that he wholly denies the truth of the facts and insinuations on which the complainant predicated his prayer for the removal of this defendant and the substitution of some other individual as his committee. He concedes that he has restricted the complainant in many instances in what he desired, that he has been vigilant in protecting his ~~protecting~~ property from the ~~and~~ inordinate waste to which the indiscreet prodigality of the complainant ~~has~~ ~~caused~~

depend it: but he was actuated in
 the exercise of this wholesome and prudent
 restraint, by more laudable motives than
 those intimated by the complainant;—
 he was actuated by a commendable
 regard for the interest of the complainant
 himself, by a disposition to discharge
 with fidelity the trust confided to his
 superintendence, and by a proper sense
 of his own interest in precluding any re-
 sponsibility to which he might be sub-
 jected in future, when the complainant
 should seek to reward his indulgence,
 however kindly intended, by gratitude like
 that which prompted the prosecution of
 this suit.

And this defendant further answers and says, that should the Court deem it proper to substitute some other person as the complainant of the complainant, yet he contends that the individual whom the complainant calls his wife should ^{not} be selected as the person to succeed him: first because she does not possess the requisite qualifications in respect of intelligence & prudence; and secondly, because she does not sustain the relation of a wife to the complainant as he alleges; which, if true, as so this defendant ^{also} alleges the fact to be, (since being non compos it was not competent for the complainant to contract such relation) would authorize the Court to interfere to ~~void this defendant's marriage~~ ^{and} ~~it will interfere~~ ^{and} set aside the pretended marriage as being illegal and void ab initio. ~~But having required the~~ ~~complainant to make his or her party to~~ ~~this suit.~~

And this defendant having answered
s. (except as to the charge respecting the same)

The separate answer of John B. Lawrence to the bill of Complaint exhibited against him in this ~~Honorable~~ Honorable Court by James Lawrence, Complainant.

This defendant saving and reserving to himself all manner of benefit and advantage of exception to the many errors and insufficiencies in the said bill of Complaint contained, for answer thereto, or to so much thereof as he is advised it is material for him to make answer unto, answering, says, — That he admits to be true the several allegations of the complainant respecting the time when the latter attained to lawful age, the determination of the guardianship of his brother Miller E. Lawrence, the subsequent order of the County Court appointing this defendant committed of the said complainant on the ground of his insanity, and the consequent qualification and reception of the property of the latter into his possession by this defendant in that capacity. But this denies the inference which the complainant wishes to be drawn in regard to the competency of the said Court to award the commission under the circumstances of the case; and contends that, were it even true, it would not be within the jurisdiction of this Court to render any decree concerning the validity of that act; but can only, in the ~~reprehension~~ apprehension of this defendant, entertain jurisdiction with regard to the existing state of facts.

And this defendant further answers and says, that he does not admit to be true the fact as charged by the complainant, that his imbecility of mind has been removed; and in order for it

Wm. Excelsior v. November 29th 1834

Henry Paymaster &
Exor to his Wm. &c.

Lawrence

vs.

Lawrence

Sp. in
Chy.

To Dec'r. Rules 1834
Circuit Sup. Court
of Law & Chancery

Wm. P.
Roll:

The commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Isle of Wight
County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon
John B. Lawrence to appear before the Judge of the circuit
superior court of Law and chancery for the county of Isle of Wight
aforesaid at the court House of the said county on the first
Monday in December next (that being rule day) to answer
a Bill in Chancery exhibited against him in the said Court
by James Lawrence - And if the said John B. Lawrence
shall fail to answer the Bill so exhibited against him,
within four months from the service of this process, the said
Bill and the matters therein contained will be taken as con-
fessed - And have then there this writ withup Nathan Young
clerk of our said court at the court House the 18th day of
~~December~~ 1834 in the 59th Year of the commonwealth

Nathan Young
C

Executed on John B. Lawrence by delivering
a true copy. Per **W. J. 1834** to J. B. Lawrence
Henry Reynolds Esq.
for Chas. Green Esq.

Lawrence)

vs ^{Alf.}
3rd ^{Spa:} in chq:

Lawrence)

To January Rules

1835.

Alkinson Esq.
H. Hoffman

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of *Isle of Wight* County, GREETING:
as before you have been
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON *John B. Lawrence*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Isle-of-
Wight, at the Court-House of Isle-of-Wight County, on the first ~~day~~ *Monday in* *January* ~~term~~ *next*;
that being rule day
to answer a bill exhibited against *him*

in the said Court, by *James Lawrence*

and unless the said defendant shall answer the said bill within four months thereafter, the Court will take
the same for confessed, and decree the matter thereof accordingly. And this shall in no wise
omit, under the penalty of £100 and have then there this writ: Witness NATHANIEL
YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-House, the *10th* day of *December*
1834, and in the *59th* year of the Commonwealth.

Nathl. Young

Lawrence

at

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Lawrence

To May Superior

Court 1835

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of *Southampton* County, GREETING:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON *Leah Bowers and Sepa Sankifon*

to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Isle-of-
Wight, at the Court-House, on the *1st* day of *May* term
next, to testify and the truth to speak on behalf of *Mr. B. Lawrence*

in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and undetermined between

James Lawrence plaintiff & the said Mr. B. Lawrence
Defendant

and this *they* shall in no wise omit, under the penalty of £100 *each* And have then there
this Writ. Witness NATHANIEL YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-House, the *5th*
day of *April* 183*5*, in the *5th* year of the Commonwealth.

Nathl. Young
Clerk

Do. Paid 12 April 1836

For Wm Duck L^y

for Jacob H Duck S^y

Lawrence

is.

Lawrence

To the first day of May
C. S. Court. 1836

Executed

Jth Duck L^y

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff *Southampton* —

County, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon *Jose Lankford* —

to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for the County of Isle of Wight,
at the Court House on the *first* day of *May* — term next, to testify and
the truth to speak on behalf of *John Lawrence*

in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and undetermined between *the said*
Jno Lawrence & James Lawrence —

and this *he* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of 100*l*.

And have then there this Writ. Witness, NATHANIEL YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-House,

the *26th* day of *April* — 183*6*, in the *50th* year of the

Commonwealth.

Nathl Young
[Signature]

Lawrence
 vs.
 Assurance
 To the 1st day of May Supr
 Court 1836

(~~David Thompson~~)

Executed
 Irvine W. Duck Sr.
 for Jacob W. Duck Sheriff

Done to have
 The April 19 1836
 Irvine W. Duck Sr.
 for J. H. Duck Sheriff

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff *Isle of Wight*

County, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon *Barz Bowers and Jefe Lankford*

to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for the County of Isle of Wight,
at the Court House on the *first* — day of *May* — term next, to testify and
the truth to speak on behalf of *John Lawrence* —

in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and undetermined between *the said*
John Lawrence & James Lawrence —

and this *they* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of 100l. *each*.
And have then there this Writ. Witness, NATHANIEL YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-House,
the *5th* day of *April* — 1836, in the *50th* — year of the
Commonwealth.

Nathl. Young

Executed Oct. 1836

Lawrence M. Duck

Lawrence

vs.

Sp. C.

Lawrence

C

To the 1st day of Oct. C. S.
Court of Law & Chy. 1836

Sup. C. S.

To have 23^d Sept. 1836
Lawrence M. Duck 28

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of *Isle of Wight*

County, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon *Wm. Johnson, Josiah P. Gay, Wm. T. Beaton,*
**Elisha Gay, John Carr, *Benj. & Mattheus Egan Eley, *Elias Bial, Robert*
**Johnson and *Dempsey D. Watkins* —

to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for the County of Isle of Wight,
at the Court House on the *first* day of *October* — — — — — term next, to testify and
the truth to speak on behalf of *James Lawrence* —

in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and undetermined between *the said*
James Lawrence Plaintiff and *John B. Lawrence defendant*

and this ~~they~~ shall in no wise omit under the penalty of 100l. each —
And have then there this Writ. Witness, NATHANIEL YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-House,
the *15th* day of *September* 183*0*, in the *01st* year of the
Commonwealth.

Nath. Young

Expende Dec. 1836

Thos. M. D. M. D. 1836

Lawrence

abs.

Lawrence

To Oct. Supr. Court 1036

Sp. a

J. M. D. M. D. 1836

To June 11 August 1836

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of *Isle of Wight*

County, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon *Carv Bowers, Jeph Lawkford, William H Day Joseph B. Whitehead, David Roberts Wm M. Clenny Merit E. Darden, & Augustus L. Ballard*

to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for the County of Isle of Wight, at the Court House on the *first* day of *October* term next, to testify and the truth to speak on behalf of *John B. Lawrence*

in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and undetermined between *the said Jno B. Lawrence* plaintiff against *Jamus Lawrence* defendant

and this *they* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of 100L. *each*
And have then there this Writ. Witness, NATHANIEL YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-House,
the *18th* day of *July* 183*0*, in the *01st* year of the
Commonwealth.

Nathl Young

Excellt
Jas. M. Buck Esq
for Genl & Quack, & M. H.

Lawrence

W.

Sp. e

Lawrence

To the 1st day of May
Sup. Court 1830

(Misofewight)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff *Isle of Wight*

County, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon *William H Day, Joseph B. Whitehead*
David Roberts William M. Cleary, Merit E. Darsen & Augustus
L Ballard —

to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery, for the County of Isle of Wight,
at the Court House on the *first* — day of *May* — term next, to testify and
the truth to speak on behalf of *John Lawrence*

in a certain matter of controversy in our said Court depending and undetermined between *John*
Lawrence and James Lawrence —

and this *they* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of 100l. *each*
And have then there this Writ. Witness, NATHANIEL YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court-House,
the *5th* — day of *April* — 1836, in the *60th* — year of the
Commonwealth.

Nathl Young
CS

Executed 8th March 1837 —
for Jth Duck Sh^{ts}

~~Lawrence~~

ads. ³ ~~Sp^s~~

Lawrence

To May Sp^r. Court 1837.

St. Paul 1st February 1837.
Jth Duck

The commonwealth of Virginia, to the Sheriff of Isle of Wight County
Greeting we command you to summon Carr Bowers, Jesse Lankford,
William H. Day, Joseph B. Whitehead, David Roberts, William
McClenny, Meril E. Darden & Augustus Ballard
to appear before the Judge of the circuit superior Court of law
and chancery for the county of Isle of Wight on the first
day of May term next to testify and the truth to speak
on the behalf of John B. Lawrence in a certain matter
of conveyance depending and undetermined in our said
court between James Lawrence plaintiff and the said
John B. Lawrence defendant, and that they shall in
no wise omit under the penalty of £100 each; and
have them there this writ writing Nathaniel Young Clerk
of our said court at the court house this 18th day of
January 1837 in the 14th Year of the commonwealth

Nathl. Young

Executed. 10th April 1837~

J. W. Dunch Esq.
per J. W. Dunch Esq.

Lawrence

vs.

Wm

Esq.

Lawrence

To the 1st day of May 1837
Count 1837

J. W. Dunch

To hand 1st February 1837

The commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Isle of Wight
County Greeting we command you to summon William Johnson
Josiah P. Gay William T. Beaton, Elisha Gay, John Carr, Benjamin
Watkins Eann Eley, Elias Beal, Robert Johnson & Dempsey &
Watkins -

to appear before the Judge of the circuit superior court of Law &
Chancery for the county of Isle of Wight at the courthouse of the
said county on the first day of May Term next, to testify and
the truth to speak on behalf of James Lawrence in a certain
matter of controversy depending and undetermined in our said
Court between the said James Lawrence plaintiff and
John B. Lawrence defendant and this they shall in no wise
omit under the penalty of \$100 each and have then there this
Writ Writup Nath Young clerk of our said Court at the
courthouse this 18th day of January 1837 in the 61st Year of
the commonwealth -

Nath Young
cc

Presented 23rd Sept. 1837.

Swine & Duck 2.
or Jacob, & Duck 5th

Lawrence

vs.

Lawrence

Sp. C.

To Cts: Sup. Court 1837

To James 23rd August 1837
Swine & Duck 2.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Isle of Wight County, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU To summon William Johnson, Josiah P. Gay, William J. Beaton, Elisha Gay, John Carr, Benjamin Watkins, Saml Ely, Elias Beal, Robert Johnson & Dempsey D. Watkins —

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Isle of Wight, at the Court House of said County, on the *first* day of *October* —
Term next, to testify and the truth to speak on behalf of *Jamies Lawrence*

in a certain matter of controversy in the said Court, before the said Judge depending and undetermined between
the said Jamies Lawrence plaintiff & John B. Lawrence
defendant —

and this *they* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100, *each* and have then there this Writ.—

Witness NATHANIEL YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *20th* day of *August*

1837 in the *02^d*

year of the Commonwealth.

Nathl Young

Executed 4 October 1837 —
John W. W. W.

Lawrence

ass.

Wm

Sp. C.

Lawrence

To Act. Sup. Court 1837

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C. W. W. W. W.

To hand 28th August 1837

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Isle of Wight County, GREETING :

WE COMMAND YOU To summon *Car Bowers, Jesse Lankford,*
Wm. H. Day, Joseph B. Whithead, David Roberts, Wm. M. Clenny,
Merit E. Darsen and Augustus Ball and —

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Isle of
Wight, at the Court House of said County, on the *first* day of *October* —
Term next, to testify and the truth to speak on behalf of *John B. Lawrence* —

in a certain matter of controversy in the said Court, before the said Judge depending and undetermined between
James Lawrence plaintiff and the John B. Lawrence deft

and this *they* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100, each and have then there this Writ.—

Witness NATHANIEL YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *20th* day of *August*

1837 in the *22^d* year of the Commonwealth.

Nathl Young

Lawrence C
vs. Sp^a

Lawrence

To May Supt. Court 1838

Received of John. Smith 1838
for the sum of \$100.00
Wm. Smith

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Isle of Wight County, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU To summon William Johnson, Josiah P. Gay, William J. Beaton, Elisha Gay, John Carr, Benjamin Watkins, Esq. Clay, Elias Beal, Robert Johnson, & Dempsey B. Watkins —

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Isle of Wight, at the Court House of said County, on the *first* day of *May* Term next, to testify and the truth to speak on behalf of *James Lawrence*

in a certain matter of controversy in the said Court, before the said Judge depending and undetermined between *The said James Lawrence plt. and John B. Lawrence def.*

and this *Writ* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100, each and have then there this Writ.—

Witness NATHANIEL YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *8th* day of *March*

1838 in the *22nd* year of the Commonwealth.

Nathl. Young

Lawrence

ads.

Lawrence

To May Supt. Court 1838

Wm. Sp. C

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Isle of Wight County, GREETING :

WE COMMAND YOU To summon *William H. Day Joseph B. Whitehead*
Augustus Ballard -

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Isle of
Wight, at the Court House of said County, on the *first* - day of *May* -
'Term next, to testify and the truth to speak on behalf of *John B. Lawrence* -

in a certain matter of controversy in the said Court, before the said Judge depending and undetermined between
Samuel Lawrence pet. and s^r. Geo. B. Lawrence Deft.

and this *they* shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100, each and have then there this Writ.—

Witness NATHANIEL YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *8th* - day of *March*

1838 in the *62^d*, year of the Commonwealth.

Nath. Young

to the
Lacrosse

(p)

1837

Feb 5	To paid Elisha D. Day for black Smiths warts	9 00
" 20	" paid Joshua E. Coanville for 583 ^{1/2} pounds of ^{1/2} ^{1/2}	52 15
Mar 1	" paid Mills E. Coanville for child	3 50
July 2	" paid Joel Holliman Atty. at Law	3 00
" 6	" paid Peter Ashburn for ditching	8 49
" "	" paid John Johnson for ditching	5 49
" 7	" paid Mills E. Lawrence for plant in repairs on plantation	9 43
" "	" paid also for 1500 ^{1/2} fother 20 ^{1/2} wool. & peas	32 00
" "	" paid Wm B. Whitehead for Merchandise	20 38
" 12	" paid John Johnson for ditching	8 05
" 13	" paid for horse collars 750 p. ^{1/2} Diet & money Medical acct of 30	31 23
" "	" paid Sheriff Taxes & tickets	14 30
Sept 20	" paid for thatching boat, Dantaloons & vest	9 23
Oct. 14	" paid Mills E. Lawrence bond executed by J. Lawrence	107 13
" 23	" paid Jacob H. Duck for 124 ^{1/2} bacon	15 50
Dec. 31	" this sum for Medical Services to the said James Lawrence & his family from 1832 to this day	113 10
" "	" paid Augustus Ballard & others for attend ^{ce} as witnesses	9 41
" "	" Balance due the said James Lawrence	332 86
		<u>787 72</u>

1837

Jan 1 By this sum balance due last year 743 14

Dec 31 By Interest on \$ 743.14 one year 44 58

Due James Lawrence Dec 31. 1837 \$ 332.86

787 72

1838

Apr 6	To paid Augustus Ballard for 3 bush ^{1/2} oats	1 40
June "	" paid Gilbert Johnson for 2 fat hogs had in 1833	1 00
Aug "	" paid Sheriff Taxes	13 09
" "	" this sum for Medical Services to the Negroes of James Lawrence in 1837. while St. E. Lawrence was Gov	46 52
Nov 22	" this sum advanced the said James Lawrence	10 00
" "	" paid David Roberts & others for attend ^{ce} as witnesses	30 21
" 28	" this sum advanced J. Lawrence	50 00
" "	" Balance due the said James Lawrence	129 10
		<u>350 12</u>

1838

Jan 1 By this sum balance due last year 232.86

Nov 28 By Interest on \$ 332.86 - 10 Mo. & 28 days 17 25

Due James Lawrence. Nov. 28th 1838 \$ 189.10

350 12

1833

Apr 1	To paid. Wm. S. Smith for buying for man Henry	4 00
"	" paid. Ditto for iron work	2 13
May 20	" paid. Wm. Lawrence for 200 ^{lb} bacon at 97	32 87
June 13	" paid. John Davis for repairs on house	8 00
"	" " paid. William L. Day for services of midwife	1 50
"	" " paid. Arthur Smith acc. Greek	3 00
July 8	" paid. Wm. H. Hodges acc. Greek	5 00
"	" " paid. George W. Bennett for appraising est.	1 00
"	" " paid for plough & 3. paid for Loom for lumber for 100 ^{lb}	9 11
Oct 27	" paid. James Carr. black Smiths work	1 39
"	" paid. Sheriff. Taxes & tickets	25 17
Dec 7	" paid. Josiah B. Day. black Smiths work	12 34
"	31 st Balance due James Lawrence of Georgia	1101.42
		<u>\$1210.32</u>

1830

May	To paid. John Barden for services of his Negro woman	1 00
June 2	" paid. Wm. Lawrence for 200 ^{lb} butter & 100 ^{lb} corn	59 39
Sept 5	" paid. W. Clements Const. for shipping Anthony &c	1 34
"	" paid. Sheriff. Taxes & tickets	41 42
Oct 7	" paid. T. Dale, Const. Inquest	1 41
Dec 6	" paid. William H. Hodges acc. Greek	5 00
"	" " paid. James Carr. black Smiths work	3 09
" 20	" paid. Wm. Lawrence for a cow	9 00
"	" " paid. Ditto for pork	37 89
" 31	" this sum advanced the wife of said James	1 20
"	" this sum in wool furnished	3 00
"	" 1/2 bushel peas 3 rd 1000 ^{lb} pork at 0.75	68 00
"	" 20 barrels corn at 2	50 00
"	" 1 horse \$75. one cow & furniture \$15	90 00
"	" difference in exchange of horses	15 00
"	" 2 bushels wheat.	3 00
"	Balance due James Lawrence of Georgia	743.14
		<u>\$1143.48</u>

1835

Jan 1	By this sum balance due last year	\$1147.98
Dec 31	By Interest on \$1039.08 balance in hand after deducting disbursements	02.34
		<u>\$1150.32</u>
	Due James Lawrence 31 st Dec 1835	\$1101.42

1836

Jan 1	By this sum balance due last year	\$1101.42
Dec 31	By Interest on \$706.08 balance in hand after deducting disbursements	42.05
		<u>\$1143.48</u>
	Due James Lawrence 31 st Dec 1836	\$743.14

1833

July 5 To paid for hab. \$4. paid for making clothes \$8.73

" paid taxes & tickets

" paid James Carr. Black Samuels acct.

Oct 10 " paid for mending shoes 2/2

" 22 " paid for shoes & clothing for Negroes

Dec 4 " paid Wm. Bland Black Samuels acct.

" 15 " paid Wm. Bland for 7 bushels peas at 3/3

" 2 1/2 bush. Potatoes plantings at 2/3

" 000^{lb}. fodder at 4/10

" 10 bbls. corn at 3.50

" paid for appraising his property

23 " paid Jacob W. Ditch for 173^{lb}. Bacon at 10¢

" paid for Watch Key & Lock

" paid for pair collar line

" paid for 12 Yds. Cloth for Negroes Mourn

" paid for 18 Yds. Cloth for Shirts

" paid for making frontals & Shirts for self

" 2 empty Bags & pair socks

" paid for shrouds for dead negroes

" paid for pair blankets & Stock

" 31 " 14 Months board at \$5.50

" 5 Cent Corn 5. on \$2300. 50 each

" Balance due the said James Lawrence

\$ 002 80

12 75

8 20

2 50

38

15 12

7 25

4 37

94

4 50

33 00

1 00

17 30

1 30

20

2 00

1 80

1 50

1 00

1 25

5 00

77 50

115 00

1474 94

\$ 2333 42

1833

Jan 4 By this sum received of James Lawrence Jan

Dec 31 By Interest on \$1381.18 balance in hand after adjusting disbursements

Due James Lawrence 31 Dec 1833 \$ 1474.94

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June 11 23
\$ 602.30

Laurence
vs. Zephora

Laurence

February 4th 1837 returned
to returned.

Isle of Wight. Courthouse Feb. 28th 1838

James Lawrence

Plaintiff

against

In Chancery

John B. Lawrence

Defendant

Pursuant to an order of the Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for the County of Isle of Wight, made the 3rd day of October 1838 in the above named suit, and which is hereto annexed marked

A. On the 20th of October 1838 a notice was issued appointing the said 28th day of November 1838 at the courthouse of this County for carrying said order into effect; which notice marked B was returned "Service acknowledged," signed John B. Lawrence & James Lawrence.

At which time and place your Commissioners attended: the said James Lawrence & John B. Lawrence also attended with their papers & evidence, which your Commissioners examined in presence of the parties & the account decided by said order commenced; and was continued from day to day till completed; at the close of which recordant marked C shows that the said John B. Lawrence is indebted to the said James Lawrence the sum of One hundred and eighty seven dollars & ten cents on the said 28th of November 1838.

It was in evidence before your Commissioners that at the time the said John B. Lawrence as committed took possession of the estate of the said James Lawrence, the plantation of the said James Lawrence was very much out of order, with little land cleared for cultivation - he therefore kept the negroes of the said James, on the farm to put it in order, & continued to keep ^{them} on the farm from year to year to cultivate the farm for the benefit of the said James Lawrence. The first year he took possession of the farm & negroes he necessarily had to expend considerable money in purchasing provisions, stock of horses, cattle & hogs &c. which account marked D as aforesaid is respectfully submitted to the Court.

Commissioners fees 2
Time employed 18 hours 3 charges to Deft. of 18

Wm. Lightfoot Court

Isle of Wight County Court. Wm. Lightfoot Court
call before me a Justice of the Peace for said County that the charges he him
for this report is just & proper. Attest my hand this 1st day of Feb. 1838.
Wm. Lightfoot J.P.

We the jury find for the Plaintiff
D. J. Phillips

Laurence

v. My dear
Laurence.

Mr

James Lawrence

vs.

John B Lawrence committee
of the person & estate of the said
James Lawrence

This cause came on this day
to be heard on the bill answer
replication ^{therein} and exhibits filed and now
argued by counsel: on con-
sideration whereof the court doth
order and adjudge, that a jury
be impanelled to the next
term of this court to inquire
and determine whether the said
James Lawrence be an idiot,
lunatic, or person of unsound
mind and mentally inca-
pable of managing his ^{own} affairs

with any matter deemed just
ment by himself or required by
the parties, and the expenses, attor-
ney the fees and the cost of
this suit shall be paid by the said
John B. Lawrence ~~successor~~
~~successor~~ out of the estate of the
of the said James Lawrence in
the hands of the said John B.
Lawrence as executor of the
said

Lawrence
vs.
Lawrence
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(entered)

James Lawrence pett

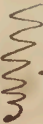
vs.

John B Lawrence deft in chanc

This cause came on this day as
again to be heard on the papers for-
merly read in the cause, and on
the verdict of the jury on the issue
joined ~~and the~~ on the fourth day
of May 1839 whereupon the court
doth adjudge, order and decree
that the power of the defendants
John B Lawrence as committee
of the person and property of the said
James Lawrence do herewith
cease and determine, that the
said James Lawrence be restored
to his rights and have control
and management of his estate
both real and personal, as if
the said committee had never
been appointed; that the said
committee do forthwith receive
all to the said James Lawrence
all his lands and tenements, together
with all his negroes; stock, cattle
and other chattels; and that the
said John B Lawrence do recover
under before a commissioner of this
court a fair and just account
of his transactions as committee
of person, ~~and pay to the said~~
~~James Lawrence the balance which~~
~~may appear to be due after de~~
~~ducting the expenses attending the~~
~~cause and the costs of this suit~~
which account shall be reported by
the said commissioner to the court

Lawrence

vs.



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• Notice given on the 20th
of Oct. 1838 for the settlement
at Isle of Wight Courthouse
• 100. 20th 1838

Isle of Wight Com.

11/11

At a circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery held for the
County of Suffolk the 8th day of October 1838

James Lawrence

Plaintiff

against

John B. Lawrence

Defendant

In Chancery

This cause came on this day again to be heard on the papers
formerly read in the cause, and on the verdict of the jury on the
issue joined on the fourth day of May 1838. whereupon the court
doth adjudge, order and decree that the power of the defendant
John B. Lawrence, as committee of the person and property of the
said James Lawrence, do henceforth cease and determine, that
the said James Lawrence be restored to his rights and have control
and management of his estate both real and personal as if
the said committee had never been appointed; that the said
committee do forthwith surrender to the said James Lawrence
all his lands and tenements, together with all his negroes, stock,
cattle and other chattels: and that the said John B. Lawrence
do moreover render before a commissioner of this Court a fair &
just account of his transactions as committee aforesaid,
which account shall be reported by the said Commissioner
to the Court with any matter deemed pertinent by himself
or required by the parties - and the expenses attending the
same and the costs of this suit, shall be paid by the said
John B. Lawrence out of the estate of the said James Lawrence
in the hands of the said John B. Lawrence committee as
aforesaid.

Attest -

N. P. Jones J. C.

Lawrence

vs.

Lawrence

3 copy Verdict
of the Jury &c

At circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery held for the County of
Sloop Wight the Fourth day of May 1838 —

James Lawrence Plaintiff

against

John B. Lawrence Defendant

This day came the parties by their attorneys, (and according to an order made at October term of this eighteen hundred and thirty five directing a Jury to be impannelled to inquire and determine whether the said James Lawrence is an Idiot, Lunatic, or person of unsound mind, and mentally incapable of managing his own affairs) came a Jury (to wit) Joseph Gale, Benjamin Sykes, Thomas J. C. Cooper, Joseph F. Holland, Richard L. Thomas, Robert White, Drury P. Phillips, Charles Murphy, Matthew J. White, Arthur Channel, John Phillips and Allen Edwards, who being elected, tried and sworn, to try the issue aforesaid; upon their oath returned a verdict in the following words (to wit), "We the jury find that the plaintiff James Lawrence is not an Idiot, Lunatic, or person of unsound mind and mentally incapable of managing his own affairs - which is ordered to be certified -

A Copy Teste Nath. Young Es.

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Laurence

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At a Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery held for the County
of Isle of Wight the 8th day of October 1838.

James Lawrence

Plaintiff

against

John B. Lawrence

Defendant

In Chancery

This cause came on this day again to be heard on
the papers formerly read in the cause, and on the Verdict of the Jury
on the issue joined on the fourth day of May 1838. Whereupon the Court
doth adjudge, order & decree that the power of the Defendant John B. Law-
rence as Committee of the Person and property of the said James Lawrence
do henceforth cease & determine; that the said James Lawrence be
restored to his rights & have control & management of his estate both
real & personal as if the said Committee had never been appointed,
that the said Committee do forthwith surrender to the said James
Lawrence all his lands and Tenements, together with all his Horses,
Stock, Cattle & other chattels. And that the said John B. Lawrence
do moreover render before a Commissioner of this Court a fair and
just account of his transactions as Committee as aforesaid; which
account shall be reported by the said Commissioner to the Court with
any matter claimed pertinent by himself, or required by the parties:

And the expenses attending the same and the costs of this suit,
shall be paid by the said John B. Lawrence out of the estate of the said
James Lawrence in the hands of the said John B. Lawrence Committee
as aforesaid.

Wm. T. T. T.

W. C. Young, Secy.

Commissioners Office, Smithfield, October 20th 1838

I have appointed Wednesday the 28th day
of November next for carrying the foregoing order into effect, the
parties interested therein will attend at Isle of Wight Court house on
that day between the hours of 9 o'clock A.M. & 5 o'clock P.M. with their
papers & evidence to enable me to make up the account directed by the
said order, and if not completed on that day, will be continued from
day to day until the account is completed.

Barth. Lightfoot Commr.

Service of the above notice acknowledged

John B. Lawrence

James Lawrence

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John B. Lauren

In the Court

May 4/80

(to be entered)

(Entered)

James Lawrence, John B. Lawrence -

This case came on this day to be again
heard on the paper formerly read and
the report of the Court made pursuant
to the order of the 8th of October 1838,
to which no exception has been filed or
was argued by counsel; on consideration
whereof the Court with adjudge, deemed &
order that the said report be confirmed,
that the defendant John B. Lawrence
pay to the plff. James Lawrence
\$189.10 with interest thereon from
the 28th of Nov. 1838 till paid - and
~~that he return to the complainant the books & by~~
~~to him belonging.~~

Order appointing
J^{rs} Lawrence com-
missioner for N^o 12
road

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Isle of Wight County, January Court 1833

On motion of John B Lawrence he is appointed a commissioner for James Lawrence a lunatic & with Mills E Lawrence & Augustus Ballara his securities who justified to their sufficiency, signed & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of \$8000 conditioned as the Law directs.

Copy Teste

Wm H. H. H. H.

John B. Lawrence's
bond as committed to
James Lawrence.

Laurens
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Laurens

Exhibit B of fine
January 5th: 1835 by ptl?
atto: ~

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we *John B Lawrence Mills & Lawrence* and *Augustus Ballard*

are held and firmly bound unto *William Holliman David Roberts John P Thomas and Jordan Parr*

Gentlemen, Justices of the Court of Isle-of-Wight County, now sitting, in the sum of *Eight thousand* Dollars, to which payment well and truly to be made to the said Justices, and their Successors, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents—Scaled with our Seals, and dated this *seventh* day of *January* one thousand eight hundred and *thirty three* and in the *57th* year of the Commonwealth.

THE CONDITION of the above obligation is such, That if the said *John B Lawrence*

Committee appointed by Court

~~Execut~~ of the last will and testament of all the goods, chattels and credits of *James*

Lawrence ~~deceased~~, do make a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said ~~deceased~~, which have or shall come into the hands, possession or knowledge of *him* the said *John B Lawrence*

or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for *him* and the same so made, do exhibit unto the County Court at such times as shall be thereto required by the said Court, and the same goods, chattels and credits, do well and truly administer according to law, and make a just and true account of *his* actings and doings therein, when thereunto required by the said Court; ~~and further do well and truly pay and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in the said will, as far as the said goods, chattels and credits will extend, according to the value thereof, as the law shall charge~~ then this obligation to be void or else to remain in full force and virtue.

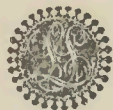
Signed, sealed and acknowledged }
in presence of

J Woodley

John B Lawrence



Mills & Lawrence



Augustus Ballard



A Copy Testes

Wmth & Son



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is 3/4 of a cent.

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Albany

Laurence

Laurence

Exhibit C. J. C. Lang.

5th 1835 by J. C. Lang.

to 5 yds cotton cloth 9 ^d making two for drawers @ 9 ^d	" 87
" paid Mrs. Stotttingham for boat	3 75
" paid for stock good quality	1 50
" Nursing & nursing Henry (negro) sick & requiring attention in the last year	60 00
" Nursing Henry 7 1/2 months	28 33
" Nursing Sally when sick & paying diet etc	7 83
" paid Mr. Lawrence for board 2 months	10 00
" your board one year	60 00
" this sum paid you	5 81
Dec. 31 " Commissions upon \$2523.23 at 2 1/2 per cent	63 08
" this sum to the Clerk for recording this account	1 02
" ditto to pay Commissions	5 00
" Balance due the orphan	2300 56
	<u>\$2653.20</u>

1832	Cor	
Jan 1	By this sum from Mr. Lawrence	\$2437.73
	By this sum of Mr. Lawrence recd 30 th May 1831	63 67
	By Attorn sold (amount)	6 23
	By Mr. Blackhart	6 60
	By Land not omitted	7 00
Dec. 31	By Interest on \$2156.21 for one year @ 6 per cent it being the balance of principal with receipts after deducting disbursements.	129 97
	Balance due the orphan \$2300.56	<u>\$2653.20</u>

Commissions office Isle of Wight 11th June 1833

Pursuant to the annexed order of the County Court of Isle of Wight, Mills & Lawrence Guardians to James Lawrence orphan of John Lawrence decd. hath produced to me, his papers appertaining to his Guardian ship of the said James Lawrence which papers I have examined and stated the foregoing account showing a balance of \$2300.56 due to the orphan the 31st of December 1832 which said balance to carry Interest from the 31st of December 1832 till paid - Which is respectfully submitted to the Court - Commissions fee \$5.00

Thomas Smalley Comr.

at a Court held for the County of Isle of Wight June 3rd 1832

The foregoing Guardian account was returned by Commissions Smalley and together with his report ordered to lie for a fortnight and at another Court held for the said County August 5th 1833 the said account having been filed for more than two months, and no exceptions ^{being} taken thereupon was ordered to be recorded -

Teste
Math Young Clk

Isle of Wight This day received of Mills & Lawrence Guardian to James Lawrence orphan of John Lawrence decd the sum of two thousand three hundred dollars & fifty six Cents it being the amount found due to the said James Lawrence as per amount made up by Commissions Smalley. The said sum is received by me as Curator or Commissioner appointed by the County Court of Isle of Wight -

John B. Lawrence

Isle of Wight County June 2nd 1833 The foregoing receipt has acknowledged in the Clerk's office by John B. Lawrence and admitted to record.

Teste
Math Young Clk

66 Copy att^d Math Young Clk

Dr. James Lawrence of Law of John Lawrence & Co. In
account with Mills & Lawrence Guardian -

1832	To 6 yds cotton cloth @ 18 ³ / ₄ ¢	1	12
	" Making 2 shirts @ 31 ¹ / ₂ ¢ Buttons &c.	"	87
	" 6 yds of Flannel @ 40¢ pr.	2	40
	" 4 yds cotton cloth for sheet for Henry @ 9¢	"	30
	" 3 Blankets @ 12 ¹ / ₂ ¢	3	37
	" 1 pair shoes	1	10
	" 1 piece of Carpeting	2	00
April 24	" paid Doct John Lawrence for medicine & pattern to Henry	22	00
	" making shirt & pantaloons for ditto	"	20
	" 6 yards cotton cloth @ 18 ³ / ₄ ¢	1	12
	" Making 2 cotton shirts @ 25 ¹ / ₂ ¢ Buttons &c.	"	75
	" 3 yards Linen @ 4 ¹ / ₂ ¢ Buttons &c. 12¢.	2	37
	" making one Linen shirt	"	31
	" 2 pair shoes @ 15¢	5	00
	" 2 pair socks @ 25¢ pr.	"	50
	" Sent of Blue cloth & trousers	28	38
	" paid Tho B. Vanhook for making cloaths	8	25
	" pair Boots	6	00
	" pair Suspenders of Silk waistcoat pattern	1	37
	" making waistcoat	"	25
	" Buttons Silk lining &c.	"	37
	" 3 yards of Larding at 7 ¹ / ₂ ¢ pr. r.	4	00
	" 2 yds cotton cloth, padding & making worn about	"	95
	" paid Doct Lillybridge for operating on teeth & 20¢ pr.	4	06
	" 2 pair shoes	4	50
	" making p ^r . pantaloons & buttons	"	44
	" 3 yds waistcoat at 9¢ pr.	4	50
	" Black vest pattern	"	75
	" button cotton cloth p.	"	36
	" pair socks	"	25
	" 5 yds cotton cloth @ 9¢ & making ditto	"	87
	" Stock the neck 4 ¹ / ₂ ¢ pr. shoes 14¢	3	75
	" Square of Cambric for cravat	"	62
	" 3 yds cloth at 45¢ pr.	1	35
	" making pair pantaloons buttons &c.	"	44
	" 3 yds of cloth for pantaloons	"	12
	" making pantaloons, trimmings &c.	"	56