1885-012
Nansemond Co. (Suffolk)

Chancery Causes: V.S. Lawrence vs Thomas S. Lawrence, infant

Wright

U. S. Lawrence

vs } Chy: Notes

Thomas S. Lawrence, an infant

1883. Aug: 3rd: Summons in Chy: issued to Aug: Rules, 1883.

" " 8th Bill &c filed — Peter B. Pendleton appointed

g'd: ad litem to defft (an infant) who files his

answer, to which there was a general replication

Cause set for hearing, on mo: of Pltff's Counsel

" Octo: 11th Decree for publication

1884. April: 15th Order to show cause in vacation

" Aug: 9th: Decree for Sale

" " 11th: Comm'r: Bond Executed &c

Chy: Notes

To Hon Geo T Blow, Judge of the Circuit Court
of Nansemond County.

Complaining
sheweth unto Your Hon, Your Orator T. S.
Lawrence, that some time in the Year
1840 Your Orator's Grand Father Jos. Wright
departed this life, leaving a Will by which
he devised to Wm. J. W. Lawrence, the Father
of Your Orator, two certain tracts of land,
one lying in Norfolk County Virginia, the
other in Nansemond County Va, the two
tracts lying adjacent to each other only
separated by the dividing line between the
two Counties; that the said lands were de-
vised to Your Orator's Father during his life
time and then to his Children; that Your
Orator's Father ~~departed~~ the said Wm. J. W.
Lawrence departed this life some time dur-
ing the Year 1869 or 1870, and upon his
death, by the Will of said Jos. Wright, a copy
or Extract from which is herewith filed as
part of this bill marked "A", the said land
so devised became the fee simple Estate of
his Children; that Your Orator and his brother
Thos. S. Lawrence are the only surviving children
of their Father the said Wm. J. W. Lawrence, and
that the said Thos. S. Lawrence is an infant un-
der the age of twenty One Years. And Your

Orator further states that the said land is, as he believes, susceptible of partition between the parties entitled thereto, but if not, then he desires the same to be sold and the proceeds distributed according to their respective interests therein.

In tender consideration whereof, for asmuch as your Orator is without remedy in the premises, save by the aid of a Court of Equity, where matters of the kind are alone and wholly cognizable, your Orator prays that the said Hon. S. Lawrence may be made a party Defendant to this suit, and that a proper guardian ad-litem may be assigned him to defend his interest herein, who may be required to answer the allegations hereof fully and particularly &c.; that the said Real Estate may be divided between the parties aforementioned as entitled thereto, and your Orator's portion thereof allowed him, and in case the said Real Estate be not divisible in kind, that it may be Exposed to public Sale and the proceeds thereof distributed among the parties entitled thereto; that proper process may issue, and that such other further and general relief may be afforded your Orator as the nature of his case may require or to Equity shall seem meet

And Your Orator will ever pray &c.

V. S. Lawrence

By Jno A. Wright, atty

Hanover County to wit:

I, Jno A. Wright a Notary Public for the County aforesaid in the State of Va. do certify that V. S. Lawrence complainant appeared before me in my said County & made oath that the statements of the foregoing bill of complaint are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Given under my hand this 31st day of July 1883.

Jno. A. Wright. N. P.

T. S. Lawrence. Pltff

vs } In Chy

Thos. S. Lawrence. Dft.

Bill of Complainant

Virginia:

I, Peter B. Prentis clerk of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, do hereby certify that the following is a true extract from the will of Joseph Wright, Deceased: of record in said Court:

"Secondly: I give and bequeath unto my grandson, William J. W. Lawrence, my lower plantation together with my tract of land called the Myers tract, which was devised to me by my daughter Elizabeth Myers, but should my said grand son die without child or, children, living at his death, then, and in that case, I give and bequeath the said lands unto my son William J. Wright and his heirs forever

Testo:

Peter B. Prentis. Clerk.

Nansemond Cir: Co:

Clerk's Office, Aug: 3rd: 1883

Larnaca
to Famagusta

Larnaca

Exhibit
(A)

The Answer of Thomas S Lawrence, an infant, under the age of Twenty one years, by Peter B Pendleton, his guardian ad. litem, assigned to defend him in this suit, to a Bill of complaint exhibited against him, in the Circuit Court of the County of Hanover by T S Lawrence

This Respondent, reserving to himself the benefit of all just exceptions to the said Bill, for answer thereto, or to so much thereof as he is advised, that it is materials. he should answer, by his said guardian ad litem, answers and Says

That he is an infant of tender years and by reason of his infancy, is incapable of understanding, or taking Care of his rights and interests: he therefore by his said guardian, commends himself and his rights and interests to the protection of the Court, and prays that no decree or order may be pronounced, which will tend to his prejudice — And having fully answered, this Respondent prays, hence to be dismissed with his reasonable costs, in this behalf expended, And will ever pray &c.

(Signed)

Peter B. Pendleton

Guardian ad litem

V. S. Lawrence

vs

In Chy:

Thomas S. Lawrence

Answer of Infant

To Hon Geo Blow, Judge of the Circuit Court of Lawrence County.

The undersigned parties, Plaintiff & Defendant in the Chancery suit of V. S. Lawrence vs Thos S. Lawrence now pending and undetermined in the said Court, respectfully petition your Honor to decree a sale of the land in the proceedings mentioned. Your petitioner V. S. Lawrence is of age and believes the interest of both himself and his brother will be promoted by a sale, rather than partition, as the land is run down and they have not the means to improve it. Your petitioner Thos S. Lawrence is a minor, desirous of securing an education, and not possessing any other means with which to provide for his education, and desires a sale of his interest for that purpose. For the reasons stated they both unite in requesting the sale.

V. S. Lawrence

Thos S. Lawrence

Subscribed and acknowledged before me this 4th day of August 1884

Jno. L. Griffin

J.P.

To Hon Geo Blow Judge of the Circuit Ct
of Lawrence County.

The undersigned
C. E. Bidgood Guardian of Thos. S. Lawrence
unites in the petition of his ward Thos. S.
Lawrence & his brother Vivian S. for a sale
of their land rather than a partition, and
assigns as a reason the fact that in its
present condition the land is paying no
income, and can not, with the means
at their command be made to pay
enough for their support. Thos. S. Lawrence
has no other source of income and is am-
bitious to secure an education. His
interest in the land can probably be sold
for enough to provide for his thorough
education and in that way prove of
greater benefit to him than the land
can ever be.

C. E. Bidgood

Subscribed and acknowledged before me
this 2 day of August 1884.

Geo. T. Griffith
J. P.

Petition

filed with Judge in
Vacation this
9th day of Aug. 1884

Lawrence
vs
Lawrence

This cause came on this day to be again heard upon the papers formerly read and upon the report of Jno H. Wright Special Commissioner, of the payment of the purchase money for the land in the Bill and proceedings mentioned, and the disbursement of the same under an Order heretofore entered in the cause, and was argued by Counsel.

On Consideration whereof the said disbursement being sustained by proper vouchers* and the bond required of the Guardian of Thos S. Lawrence having been duly executed* the report of the said Special Commissioner is confirmed: and nothing further appearing to be done in the cause, it is ordered that the same be removed from the docket.

* and the bond required of the Guardian of Thos S. Lawrence having been duly executed

Laurence
v } Ds. ship
Laurence)

Final Decree
To be entered

April 27 1885

Geo. T. Blow.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE

—OF—

Valuable Real Estate.

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit court of Nansemond county, pronounced in the chancery suit of V. S. Lawrence, plaintiff, vs. Thomas S. Lawrence, defendant, I shall offer for sale by public auction, before the Courthouse door in Suffolk, Va.,

On Monday, September 8, '84,

(court day), that valuable tract of land near Churchland, in Norfolk county, known as the LAWRENCE TRACT, and containing 497 acres. The county line between Nansemond and Norfolk counties runs through the land. There is no better neighborhood in Virginia, and no more prosperous community, excellent schools and churches being almost in sight of the farm. This property is sold for division among heirs.

TERMS.—$1,000 in cash, and the balance in four equal payments at one, two, three and four years, with interest from the day of sale, bonds with good personal security being required for the deferred payments and title retained; or, at purchaser's option, the entire purchase money may be paid in cash.

JOHN H. WRIGHT, Special Commissioner.

VIRGINIA—County of Nansemond, to wit:

I, Peter B. Prentis, Clerk of the Circuit court of Nansemond county, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the bond of the Special Commissioner, John H. Wright, in the above entitled cause of V. S. Lawrence, plaintiff, and Thomas S. Lawrence, defendant, as required by the decree in said cause, pronounced on the 9th day of August, 1884, has been duly given.

Given under my hand this 18th day of August, 1884.

PETER B. PRENTIS, Clerk.

Lawrence
vs
Lawrence

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the Complainant's bill, and Exhibits filed therewith, and upon the answer of the infant Defendant, Thos. S. Lawrence, by Peter B. Reules his guardian ad litem, and was argued by Counsel.

On Consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that James. C. Bidgood, Levi D. Ames, A.P. Gomer, Henry Kirn and Jno G. Peake, who are hereby appointed Commissioners for that purpose, any three or more of whom may act, having been first duly sworn do proceed to lay off and divide the land in the bill and proceedings mentioned, consisting of two tracts, adjacent to each other, the one in Norfolk Co Va, & the other in Nansemond County Va, into two equal parts, having regard to quality and quantity, and assign one of said parts to the Complainant Vivian S. Lawrence and the other to Thos. S. Lawrence; and if necessary to a proper discharge of their duties hereunder, the said Commissioners are authorized, if they deem it proper & expedient, to employ a Competent Surveyor to assist them. But if the said Commissioners should find it impracticable to divide the said land Equitably among the said parties, or should be of opinion that the interest of said parties would be more promoted by a sale of the same, they will

report the facts upon which their opinion is based, to the Court, and also what, in their opinion is the fee simple value of the whole of the Real Estate in the Bill mentioned, and of which Joseph Wright died seized; And in either case they are required to report their proceedings under this order to the Court.

Lawrence
v
Lawrence

Decree
Oct 19th 1883
To be entered

Geo. V. Bloss

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Lawrence

vs

Lawrence —

On the motion of the Plaintiff and by Consent of parties entered of record it is ordered that this cause may be set for hearing in vacation —

Laurence

vs { In Chy

Laurence

April 15th 1884

Decree

To be entered

Geo Blow

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V. S. Lawrence Pltff
vs
Thos. S. Lawrence Dft } In Chancery.

This cause, which by consent of parties was set for hearing in vacation, came on this 9th day of August 1884, to be heard upon the pakers formerly read, and upon the report of Levi D. Ames, J. E. Bidgood, A. P. Gomer, Henry Kirn & Jno G. Peal, commissioners, appointed under a decree of the October term 1883, of this Court, to make partition of the land in the Bill and proceedings mentioned, and also upon the petition of the parties to the cause, praying an order for the sale of the said land, and upon the petition of C. E. Bidgood, Gdn. of Thos. S. Lawrence, the infant defendant in the said cause, and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof, the Court, deeming the recommendation of the said Commissioners of a sale of the said land founded upon good and sufficient reasons, and having regard to the petition of the parties Plaintiff and Defendant, doth adjudge, order, and decree, that Jno. W. Wright, who is hereby appointed a Special Commissioner for that purpose, after first giving notice for three weeks by advertisement in the "Suffolk Herald" and by hand bills posted at the Court House door in Suffolk and at two or more public places in the vicinity of said land, of the time, place and terms of sale, do proceed on some

Court day, in front of the Court House door in Suffolk, (or if he think it best on some other day at the Village of Chuckland in Norfolk County) to sell the land in the Bill and proceedings mentioned, dividing the same into such parcels, not more than five in number as may best promote the sale thereof; and upon the following terms, to wit: one ~~fourth~~ third of the purchase money in cash and the remainder in ~~three~~ four equal instalments, payable respectively in one, two and ~~three~~ four years, with interest, from the day of sale, taking from the purchaser or purchasers bonds with good personal security & waiver of Homestead Exemption for the deferred payments and retaining the title until the further order of the Court, and with leave to the purchaser or purchasers to make the entire payments in cash or to anticipate the payment of said bonds before maturity. And the cash payment, after deducting the costs of this suit & expense of the sale, the said Special Commissioner will deposit in the Planters Bank of Nansemond to the credit of this cause.

But before proceeding to execute this decree, the said Special Commissioner will execute before the Clerk of this Court a bond with approved security and containing a waiver of the Homestead Exemption, in a penalty of $10,000 conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties under

this or any subsequent decree to be made herein. And the said Special Commissioner will report his proceedings herein aforesaid to the Court.

To be entered as a vacation order.

Geo W Bloxom.

Judge &c

In Vacation Aug 9th 1884
To the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Nansemond Va.

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Lawrence

In Vacation Aug. 9th
1884

Decree

To be entered

Entered
Chy. Ord. Book No. 1
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In the Circuit Court of Nansemond County
October term 1884

Laurence
vs
Laurence } In Chancery.

This cause came on this day to be again heard upon the papers formerly read and upon the report of Jno. H. Wright Spl. Commissioner of the sale made by him of the land in the bill proceedings mentioned, to which report no Exception is filed, and was argued by Counsel.

On Consideration whereof the Court being of opinion that the price agreed for the said land is adequate, doth approve & confirm the said Sale, and doth adjudge order and decree, that the said Special Commissioner do pay out of the Cash payment the Costs of this suit and that he also withdraw from the papers in the cause the bonds Executed for the deferred payments, leaving his receipt therefor, and collect the same, (the purchaser having leave and desiring to anticipate the payment thereof) and that when collected he pay to Vivian L Laurence one half thereof and to the duly qualified upon his executing an Bond for $10000.00 Guardian of Thos. J. Laurence, the other

half thereof, taking receipts for said payments and filing the same with the papers in this cause, and that he execute to the purchaser, upon the payment of said bonds, a deed in the usual form with special warranty, for the said land; and the cause is continued.

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Laurence } In Chy

Oct 14th 1884

Decree -

To be entered.

Chancellor.

Entered Oct 14 1884

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, on Saturday, the 9th day of August 1884. the following order, in the following cause, has been by George Blow Esquire, ordered to be entered, in vacation, to wit:

V S Laurence Plaintiff:

Against } In Chancery

Thomas S Laurence, an infant. Defendant.

This cause, which by consent of parties, was set for hearing, in Vacation, came on this 9th day of August. 1884. to be heard upon the papers formerly read, and upon the report of Levi D Ames. J.C. Bidgood, A P Gomer. Henry Rein and John G Peak, Commissioners, appointed under a decree of the October Term 1883. of this Court, to make partition of the land in the Bill and proceedings mentioned, and also upon the petition of the parties to the cause, praying an order for the sale of the said land, and upon the petition of L E Bidgood Gaurdian of Thomas S Laurence the infant defendant. in the said cause, and was argued by Counsel,

On Consideration whereof, the Court deeming the recommendation of the said Commissioners of a sale of the said land, founded upon good and sufficient reasons, and having regard to the petition of the parties Plaintiff and Defendant

doth adjudge, order and decree, that John H Wright, who is hereby appointed a special Commissioner for that purpose, after first giving notice for three weeks, by advertisement in the "Suffolk Herald" and by hand bills posted at the Court House door in Suffolk, and at two or more public places in the vicinity of said land, of the Time, place and Terms of sale, do proceed on some Court day, in front of the Court House door in Suffolk (or if he think best, on some other day at the Village of Churchland in Norfolk County) to sell the land in the Bill and proceedings mentioned, dividing the same into such parcels, not more than four in number, as may best promote the sale thereof, or selling entire if it seem most advantageous, and upon the following terms, to wit: One thousand dollars of the purchase money in cash, and the remainder in four equal instalments, payable respectively in one, two, three and four years, with interest from the day of sale, taking from the purchaser or purchasers, bonds with good personal security and waiver of Homestead Exemption for the deferred payments, and retaining the title until the further order of the court, and with leave to the purchaser or purchasers to make the entire payments in cash, or to anticipate the payment of said bonds before maturity, And the

cash payment, after deducting the costs of this suit and expenses of the sale, the said Special Commissioner will deposit in the Farmers Bank of Staunton, to the credit of this cause. But before proceeding to execute this decree, the said Special Commissioner will execute before the Clerk of this Court, a bond with approved security, and containing a waiver of the Homestead Exemption in a penalty of $10.000. conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties under this, or any subsequent decree to be made herein, and the said Special Commissioner will report his proceedings hereunder, to the Court.

A Copy.

Teste:

Peter B. Prentis. Clerk.

Costs

Clerk . . . $10.00 [illegible] P.B.P.

Atto. Hay . . . 31.50 " $1.50 for [illegible] P.B.P.

$41.50

xmd

U. S. Lawrence

To Capt Deane

Thomas S. Lawrence

Co from Geo. T. Low Judge &c.

The undersigned commissioners appointed to lay off and divide the land named in a certain suit now pending in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County between Vivian D. Lawrence. Pltff. & Thos L. Lawrence Deft &c beg leave to report that we found it utterly impracticable to divide the said land without first making a survey of same The land consists of two tracts one in Nansemond County and one in Norfolk County containing together four hundred and ninety seven acres. The land is of such quality and in such condition that even after a survey we find great dificulty in making such a division of it as will be satisfactory to ourselves even and still greater difficulty in satisfying the parties interested. Most of the cleared land is poor and unproductive and the woodland likewise is not of great value. There being but little timber on it suited for market and the land generally low and wet. The building are very dilapidated and rapidly going to destruction and the property is paying no income

there being no tenant for it. The best division which we have been able to make in kind is to allot to Thos. S. Launce - all that portion of the tract lying in Nansemond Co and enough adjacent to it in Norfolk County to make his share equal to three hundred and Twenty Seven acres and to Vivian S. Launce the remainder of the tract in Norfolk County with buildings containing one hundred and Seventy acres. But in consideration of the condition of the land it not paying any income and the heirs thereof not having the means to put it in condition to pay we think it would be to the interest of both of them and especially to the interest of the infant heir Thos S Launce - to sell the land the annual value is comparatively nothing while there is a yearly demand upon it for taxes We think the entire tract by selling would probably command $6000.00 we make an average estimate of $40.00 per acre which is probably too high - but looking to the profit to accrue from a sale the interest on the proceeds thereof would be a great deal more than any possible

rent which could be secured for the land in its present condition If the heirs had any other means which could be appropriated to the erection of buildings, or putting the land in condition to be rented it might possibly be to their interest not to sell - but for the reasons given and the difficulty your Commissioners find in making a partition in kind so that each share shall be of equal value they are decidedly of the opinion that the interest of the heirs will be promoted by a sale of the entire tract We may add that tho the infant heirs is legally incapable of making a choice they have Expressed a strong preference for a sale of the land -

Respectfully Submitted

Geo D Ames
J G Bigood
A P Gomez
John G Peake
Henry Kirn

} Commissioners -

Norfolk County State of Virginia
to wit: I Jno T. Griffin a Justice
of the Peace for the county and State
aforesaid do hereby certify that the
above Commissioners Levi H. Ames. Jas
L. Bidgood, A. F. Gomer. Jno G. Peake
and Henry Kirn personally appeared
before me and made oath that
they would divide and set apart the
above named tract of land to the heirs
thereof Vivian C. and Thos C. Lawrence his
brother to the best of their judgment
Given under my hand this the 9th day
April 1884.

Jno T. Griffin
J.P.

John H. Wright,

Attorney and Counselor at Law,

Subscriber to Sloan's Legal and Financial Register and Member of the Continental Collection Union.

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To Hon Geo Blow, Judge &c -

The undersigned Special Commissioner, begs to report that pursuant to a decree entered on the 9th day of August 1884 in vacation, he sold the land mentioned in the Bill and proceedings in the suit of Lawrence vs Lawrence, in front of the Court House door in Suffolk Va, after advertising as ordered, to W. S. Lawrence, for the sum of $7100.00 which is considered a good price and more than the value Estimated by the Commissioners. The purchaser being one of the suit has made the Cash payment, and Executed bonds for the deferred payments, which he wishes to pay in advance and take a Deed for the property -

Respectfully submitted.

Jno. H. Wright, Spl. Com'r.

Lawrence'
v
Lawrence

Report of Sale

Hon Geo. Blow Judge of Circuit Court of Hanover County:

The undersigned Spl. Commissioner in the Chancery cause of Lawrence vs Lawrence submits the following report of his disbursement of the fund received from sale of land in the proceedings mentioned, the purchaser having elected to pay the entire purchase money in cash =

Amount rec'd on Sale		$ 7100.00
Paid Surveyor	87.50	
" Auctioneer	25.00	
" Advertising	7.00	
" Com'rs on Sale	151.00	
" Costs of Suit	41.50	
" Taxes	10.09	
" Deed to Purchaser	5.00	
" V.S. Lawrence	3386.00	
" C. E. Redgood Adm'r of Thos. T. Lawrence	3386.00	
	$ 7102.09	
Overpaid		2.09
		$ 7102.09

Respectfully Submitted
Jno. H. Wright

Lawrence

v } In Chy

Lawrence

Report of Payments -

Virginia:

At the County Court of Norfolk County, held at the Court House of said County, on the 3rd day of November 1884.

C. E. Bidgood, on his motion has leave to give a new bond as guardian of Thomas A. Lawrence: whereupon, the said C. E. Bidgood appeared in Court and together with W. S. Lawrence, J. W. Bidgood and C. M. Bidgood, his sureties, (who justified on oath as to their sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Ten thousand dollars, conditioned according to law, which bond is ordered to be recorded.

A Copy
Test: Alvah H. Martin C.C.

John H. Wright, Sht.
Commissioner
To
Bond
Commonwealth

1884
Aug: 9th.

Know All Men by These Presents,

THAT WE, John H. Wright, J. W. Bidgood, J. C. Bidgood and V. S. Lawrence

are held and firmly bound unto the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA in the just and full sum of Ten Thousand (10,000) DOLLARS, to the payment whereof, well and truly to be made to the said Commonwealth, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our, and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 11th day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and in the 109th year of the Commonwealth. And we hereby waive our homestead exemption as to this obligation.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That if the above bound John H. Wright

who has, by ~~this day qualified before the~~ a Decree of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, pronounced on the 9th day of August, 1884, in Vacation, in the Chancery Cause of V. S. Lawrence, Plaintiff, against Thomas S. Lawrence, and in which Defendant, been appointed Special Commissioner to sell certain Real Estate, in said Cause described, shall faithfully discharge his duties as such Commissioner, under said Decree or any Subsequent Decree to be made in said Cause

~~shall faithfully discharge the duties of his said trust,~~ then the above obligation to be void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Executed in presence of the Court. John B. Phillips Clerk

John H. Wright (SEAL.)
J. W. Bidgood (SEAL.)
J. C. Bidgood (SEAL.)
V. S. Lawrence (SEAL.)
(SEAL.)

V. S. Laurence
— 25 Jw Chy:
Thomas S. Laurence

Order of Appointment 9th:
25 Feb 1841

Virginia.

At Rules in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County on Monday the 6th. day of August 1883.

V. L. Laurence — Plaintiff

Against } In Chancery

Thomas L. Laurence, an infant. — Defendant.

On the motion of the Plaintiff by Counsel Peter B. Prentis is appointed guardian ad. litem to the infant defendant in this suit: And it is ordered that he give the said guardian of his appointment by serving on him a copy of this order.

Teste:

Peter B. Prentis. Clerk

1883. August. 6th. I. acknowledge service of the foregoing order and that I have received a copy thereof.

Peter B. Prentis.

Edmund Cotton

Jno. H. Wright P.Q.

U. S. Lawrence

vs

Summons Chy.

Thomas S. Lawrence, an infant

To August Rules 1883.

Pro. B. No: 1 Secy
Pur: Co:

CHANCERY SUMMONS.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF NANSEMOND COUNTY - GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON Thomas S. Lawrence, an infant

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, at the Rules to be held for the said Court, on the first Monday in August, 1883 (this month) ~~next~~ *to answer a Bill in Chancery, exhibited against him in the said Court by* T. S. Lawrence,

and have then and there this Summons. Witness, PETER B. PRENTIS, *Clerk of our said Court, at his office, this* 3rd *day of* August — 1883, *in the* 108th *year of the Commonwealth.*

Teste: Peter B. Prentis *Clerk.*

$25.00

Rec'd of Jno A. Wright Sp. Commissioner in the Chancery Suit of Laurence vs Laurence, twenty five dollars for selling the Laurence land.

Sept 1884 Ed J Parker Cris

$87.50

Recd of Jno A. Wright Special Commissioner the sum of Eighty Seven 50/100 Dollars, being bill for Survey and Expenses of Land Sold in the Chancery Suit of Vivian S. Lawrence vs Thos. S. Lawrence in the Circuit of Accomack County -

Oct 24th 1884

Wm R. Grimes
Surveyor.

Mr. Wm J Lawrence's Heirs

1884. **To H. E. SMITH, Treasurer of Nansemond County, Virginia.**

No. / No. of Acres 220	State Tax, 30 cents on the $100.	State School Tax, 10c. on the $100.	County Levy 25c. on the $100.	Parish Levy, 10c. on the $100.	Co. School Tax, 5c. on the $100.	Dis. School Tax, 5c. on the $100.	Total Amount of Taxes.
To Real Estate, value $ 1540	4 62	1 54	3 85	1 54	77	77	13 09
" Personal Property, value $							
" Income, &c., value $							
" Poll Taxes							
Total							13 09
Five per cent. additional							
Total							

Received Payment. H E Smith, *Treasurer.*

15-9.91

Suffolk, Va. Aug 1884

Mr J H Wright Spl Com'r

To The Suffolk Herald, Dr

Fine Book and Job Printing at Moderate Prices.

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Aug 20	To Ad Sale of Land in case Lawrence Vs Lawrence in Herald 4 t in 3 Weeks			5.50
	To printing 100 Hand Bills			1.50
	Same			
				$ 7.00

Rec'd Payment
Oct 24 84

J E Booker
Manager

$3386.00

Rec'd of Jno H. Wright, Spl. Com'r. in the Chancery suit of V. S. Lawrence vs Thos. S. Lawrence, in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, the sum of Thirty three hundred and Eighty Six Dollars, being the amount in full of my one half interest in the proceeds of land, in the Bill proceedings mentioned, after paying Costs & Expenses of Sale & suit.

Vivian S. Lawrence

$3386.00

Rec'd of Jno H. Wright, Spl. Com'r. in the Chancery suit of V. S. Lawrence vs Thos. S. Lawrence in the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, the sum of Thirty three hundred & Eighty Six Dollars, being the amount in full due Thos. S. Lawrence, an infant, for his one half interest in the proceeds of land in the Bill proceedings mentioned, after paying Costs & Expenses of suit & sale.

P. D. Edgerton

Gd'n of Thos. S. Lawrence.

Chancery

V. S. Lawrence

vs

Thomas S. Lawrence

John H. Wright

1885

April Term

Final Decree

Nansemond Circuit Court

Costs

Clk $10.00 paid

attorns $1.50 " "

$11.50