

well as against all the claims for which credits are allowed in the additional administration account, and they excepted to the said last account on several grounds.

It appeared, among other things, by an admitted statement of facts, that all the negroes belonging to the estate of William Spencer, appraised at \$1200, absconded soon after his death, and were finally lost, though legal measures were taken to recover them, by his executor, Isaac, and the validity of a large amount of claims against the estate of the former, as paid by the latter, was also admitted, and that at the time of filing the bill, sundry suits at law and equity were depending against the said Isaac, as executor and devisee of the said William; and the due execution of the contract on which the claim for \$17,534 52 was allowed in the Orphans Court was also admitted, and that the credits endorsed thereon are in the handwriting of Isaac Spencer. That the lands mentioned in said contract are the same which came to the hands of Isaac after the death of William Spencer in Queen Anne's county, and described in the proceedings as the "Crompton Estate," and which were sold as aforesaid by the said Isaac, and conveyed by him to the purchasers thereof, but that no deed of the same from Isaac to William can be found. The deed from Isaac Spencer to the purchasers of this land, John A. Hopper and others, is dated the 17th of September, 1831, and is for the consideration of \$5000.

It was also admitted that upon the petition of William A. and John Spencer, trustees and executors of Isaac Spencer deceased, filed in the Orphans Court of Kent county, on the 20th of June, 1843, that court passed an order appointing John Carroll Sutton and Thomas J. Mann, to estimate the value of the lands of which William Spencer died seized in the year 1822, as of that year, in virtue whereof, on the 24th of June, 1843, they made an estimate by which they valued his lands in Kent county, containing a little upwards of 1200 acres, at \$12 per acre, and his lands in Queen Anne's county, containing between twelve and sixteen hundred acres, at \$5 per acre, making an aggregate of \$20,922 57, or about that sum.