

To the Worshipfull: ~~Justices~~ of the Orphans Court

The Petition & Representation of John Stevenson
humbly sheweth. That he has exhibited an account to this
Worshipfull Court against the Estate of the late Doctor John-
Stevenson as hereto annexed which is proved by Sundry
depositions that the said Debt became due for a long and
painful service as agent and Manager for the said John-
Stevenson his late uncle - That the situation of your
Petitioner is peculiarly distressing, that he was sent for
when a small boy to come to Maryland in order to be the
Heir of his said uncle that he came over and Remained
with him ever since till his Death that by the advice and
directions of the said Doctor Stevenson your Petitioner's father
left him nothing expecting that his uncle would
provide for him. that to his great surprise he now finds
the estate so burthened with debt that there ^{will} barely be
property sufficient to pay the same that the said Doctor
Stevenson
x Lukas by his will left a number of Legacies and amongst the
Rest Fifteen hundred pounds and two Negroes &c to your
petitioner that he has ordered the negroes to be sold for
the payment of Debts and is satisfied that after there are
paid there will be no estate left for the legatees - your
petitioner here unto exhibits an imperfect value of said estate
and the demands against it for your better information