

DIRECTIONS FOR GUARDIANS.

The principal object of this division, is the orphan, deprived of the tender protection of paternal care: the guardian, considered in the relation of a temporary father, undertakes a trust, which, if his heart is not debased by the passions of avarice, and rapacity, and steeled against every impression of humanity, every touch of sensibility, will be performed not only with the most disinterested probity, but with an assiduous, generous, and affectionate attention; if the man, who undertakes the office of father, by undertaking that of guardian, especially if he derives his office from the father's confidence, cannot find motives in his own breast for executing his duty with honour, and benevolence, I can suggest none to influence him—"water will not make him *white*, whom unfeeling avarice has made *black*."

Lord Coke. Co. Litt. 88. b. observes, that there are three manner of guardianships, viz. by the *common law*; by the *statute law*; and by *custom*.—By the *common law* there are four man-

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