

of proceeding, the like power has been given to the Court of Chancery to sell such estates in remainder or reversion belonging to minors as estates in possession. 1790, ch. 38.

hereby, authorized to dispose of the home plantation on which Mrs. Hannah Clayton lately dwelt, at private sale, in the manner and upon the terms mentioned in a paper this day filed, and subscribed by sundry creditors of the said deceased: and that the said trustee having so made sale, report the same, &c.

The trustee, on the 20th of February, 1796, in the form of a letter addressed to the Chancellor, reported, that he had sold the home plantation to Henrietta M. Clayton for £3 per acre; that he had had the tract surveyed and found it to contain 189½ acres, and amounted to £567 7s. 6d.—which sale was on the 26th of April following, ratified and confirmed; after which, the case was submitted for further directions.

HANSON, C., 28th March, 1796.—Ordered, that the Chancellor, on the first Tuesday in June, will proceed to decide on each of the following claims against the estate of the said Clayton, viz: the claim of Cornelia Sewell, Esther Hindman, Henrietta Bracco, and James Earle; provided, respectively, that a copy of this order be served on the claimant at any time before the fifteenth day of May next.

Edward Harris, and Thomas Airey and wife, by their petition filed on the 16th of December, 1796, exhibited a claim against Solomon Clayton, deceased, as having died, seized of land which had descended, or been devised to him by his father Edward Clayton. They alleged, that the said Edward Clayton, with three other persons, became security in a bond for Elizabeth Harris and George Garnet, executors of Thomas Harris, father of the said Edward Harris, and the wife of the said Thomas Airey; that there was due to them, from the said executors, a large sum for filial portions; that the executors not having discharged the said claim, a suit was instituted against the said Hannah on her bond, and judgment obtained by default; that she died, having fully administered, &c.; that then Michael Earle administered on the goods not, &c. of Edward Clayton, and died, having fully administered: that they had revived the judgment against him, and endeavored to execute a writ of inquiry: that at length the damages were ascertained at September Term, 1795, to £1,084 and costs; that as there is no personal estate of Edward Clayton, the lands in the hands of his grandchildren, which have come to them from him, are liable: that Solomon, their father, to whom the said lands from Edward had descended, had no personal estate; that they are entitled to be preferred to the proper creditors of the said Solomon; that they had not exhibited their claim before money had been paid to the said proper creditors: but as there is a balance in the trustee's hands of £682 8s. 6d., they claim it in virtue of that title to preference.

HANSON, C., 20th March, 1800.—The claims of these petitioners, when their petition was filed, were then laid before the Chancellor, who found their proofs defective, and suggested what was necessary to bring the merits of the case fairly before him. The papers have since been laid before him several times, but he always has found them defective. He has this day examined every paper filed relative to the claim, and it appears to him that several papers which had been filed are now wanted, and it is not in his