

it was most usual to have the account stated by commissioners, under a commission to audit accounts. Such commissions were

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testimony of James White, with that of Thomas Sanner and James Biscoe, witnesses sworn and examined in this cause before the hearing thereof; which several annual sums being taken together, for the whole time aforesaid, do amount unto the sum of 16,350 pounds of tobacco; which I have allowed the complainant for the rents and profits of that part of his real estate which lies in Saint Mary's County.

"And I find, that the value of the profits of the complainant's real estate, which lies in Anne Arundel County, mentioned in the sixth article of the first schedule to this, my report, annexed, did amount to the yearly sum of 2,000 pounds of tobacco; which I find proved by the testimony of Jonathan Taylor of Anne Arundel County, a witness sworn and examined in this cause, before the hearing thereof; which, for the whole five years aforesaid, does amount to the sum of 10,000 pounds of tobacco; which I have allowed the complainant for the rents and profits of that part of his real estate which lies in Anne Arundel County.

"And I also find, that by the acknowledgment of the defendant, the rents and profits of a store-house and lot, in Huntingtown, belonging to the complainant, mentioned in the seventh article of the first schedule to this, my report, annexed, did, for the whole five years aforesaid, amount unto the sum of 1,200 pounds of tobacco; which I have also allowed to the complainant for the rents and profits of that part of his real estate which lies in Calvert County. Which several sums of tobacco being taken together for the whole rents and profits of the complainant's real estate, during the time aforesaid, do amount unto the sum of 27,450 pounds of tobacco, which I have reduced to sterling money, at the rate of 12s. 6d. per cwt.; which having considered the testimony of Thomas Sanner and James White, witnesses sworn and examined in this cause before the hearing thereof, the first of which deposeth, that to the best of his memory, tobacco bore a good price from the year 1713 to the year 1718; and the second, that for the last two years, wherein he received the rents, that to the best of his memory, it was worth about fifteen shillings sterling, in bills of exchange, I have estimated to have been the market price of tobacco, taking it as a means for the five years aforesaid; at which rate it does amount unto the sum of £171 11s. 3d. sterling; which sum of money I have allowed the complainant for the whole rents and profits of his real estate during the five years aforesaid.

"And I likewise find, that the value of the profits which might have been made of the mulatto man called Ned, mentioned in the proceedings, for five years and one-quarter, which time the defendant had the said Ned in his possession, did amount unto the sum of £105 gold currency, as charged in the eighth article of the first schedule, to this, my report annexed, which I have estimated at the rate of twenty pound, gold currency, per annum; and allowed to the complainant, upon the testimony of Francis Gaines, John Gaines, and Samuel Griffin, witnesses sworn and examined in this cause before the hearing thereof; and the confession of the defendant in his answer, which admits the said mulatto Ned to have been an ordinary carpenter and cooper.

"I have likewise considered the allowances prayed to be made by the defendant in the second schedule, to this, my report, annexed; and have not made any allowance for the first article therein contained, of two negro men, which the complainant had of the defendant, for about five years before he came of age; they being acknowledged by the defendant, to be part