

upon the petitioners prayed, that a writ *de lunatico inquirendo* might issue; that a committee might be appointed, &c. With this petition were filed two certificates, stating that Cornelius Boarman was believed to be a lunatic.

HANSON, C., 26th April, 1797.—When this petition shall have been duly filed, issue a writ agreeably to its prayer, to Prince George's County.

The writ *de lunatico inquirendo* was accordingly issued; and an inquisition had and returned; by which it was found, that Cornelius Boarman was then a lunatic of an unsound mind; and did enjoy lucid intervals; but not so as that he was capable of the management of himself and his property; and that he was seized in fee simple of a tract of two hundred acres of land in Charles County, with a number of negro slaves, and other personal property as therein specified, &c.

HANSON, C., 7th February, 1798.—Ordered, that the care, custody, and charge of the person, and of the estate, real and personal, of Cornelius Boarman, a lunatic, be and it is hereby committed unto John Manning, husband to Mary Ann Manning, one of the presumptive heirs of the said lunatic; and, that until the further

90 order of the Chancellor, the said John Manning shall use the * said estate as his own, without rendering any account of the profits thereof; (a) in consideration of his taking care of the person of the lunatic, and providing him clothing and complete maintenance, and every necessary to his comfort and subsistence, according to his estate and condition: provided, that before the said John Manning shall act as trustee aforesaid, he shall file with the register of this Court, a bond to the State of Maryland, executed by himself, and surety or sureties, approved by the Chancellor, in the penalty of £2,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in him by this order, according to the tenor thereof; and for returning to this Court within six months from the date thereof, an inventory of the real and personal estate of the said lunatic, which shall come into his hands, or be known to, or discovered by him; and for delivering the same up, agreeably to the Chancellor's order, whenever for that purpose passed.

(a) The Chancellor of England cannot grant a lunatic's estate without account; but the Chancellor there, may make what allowance he pleases for the maintenance of the lunatic, as supposing the estate to be £500 per annum, or £1,000, he may allow as great a salary as the income of the estate amounts to; so that, in some cases, where the income is very narrow, the whole may be deemed little enough. *Sheldon v. Fortescue Aland*, 3 P. Will. 110; *Lysaght v. Royse*, 2 Scho. & Lef. 153; *In the matter of Fitzgerald*, 2 Scho. & Lef. 436; *Shelford on Lunatics*, 215.