

account was to be stated in a particular way, for the Chancellor to

previous thereto, as according to the use and practice of this court, in like cases, he ought to have had; he humbly hopes the said depositions, or any of them, shall not be read, or made use of; but shall be wholly and entirely suppressed. *Second.* That it appears by the complainants' bill, and admitted by this defendant's answer, that Amos Woodward, the complainants' father, died about the 16th day of March, 1734; and although it is denied by this exceptant's answer, that there was any crop, either of tobacco, corn, or any other grain, or crop whatsoever, belonging to the said Amos Woodward, begun, or in hand at the time of his death; and the same is not contradicted by any proof, appearing among the proceedings of the said commissioners, they have, notwithstanding, in the account by them stated and returned, made an allowance of £50 paper to the said Amos Woodward's estate, for the labour of sundry servants and slaves on his plantation, from the time of his death until July following, which this exceptant humbly conceives to be against law and equity. *Third.* That it appears by the proceedings, that there are two several estates dependent on the estate of the said Amos Woodward, that is to say, the estate of the said Achsa Fottrell, to which this exceptant is administrator, and also the estate of the said Edward Fottrell, to whom this exceptant is also administrator, with his will annexed; and that the estate of the said Edward Fottrell is also dependent on the estate of her, the said Achsa Fottrell; notwithstanding which the said commissioners have, in their manner of stating the accounts, blended the several transactions together; and have not distinguished what moneys were received by the aforesaid Achsa, during her widowhood; and what by the said Edward Fottrell, after his marriage, in the proceedings in this cause set forth; nor, if this honourable court should be of opinion, that the estate of the said Amos Woodward should be credited with the interest in the accounts mentioned, have they distinguished and shewn, whether the interest, so said to be received or omitted to be received, was so received or omitted to be received by the said Achsa Fottrell, or by the said Edward Fottrell, thereby to enable this court to determine to which of their two estates the same is chargeable and to be charged.

*May, 1747.—OGLE, Chancellor.*—The exceptions to the commissioners' report standing for argument, and the counsel on both sides being heard, it is *Ordered*, that the exceptions be overruled; and that the defendant pay to the complainants the quantity of 600 pounds of tobacco for the delay; and that there be a hearing of the said cause the next court.

After which the case was brought before the court, and the solicitors of the parties were fully heard.

*October, 1747.—OGLE, Chancellor.*—*Decreed*, that the said William Chapman pay, out of the estate of Achsa Fottrell, and Edward Fottrell, which have come to his hands, to each of the complainants the sum of 43½ pounds of tobacco, £51 15s. 3¼d. current money, in gold or silver, £216 7s. 0¼d. sterling money of Great Britain, of which said sum £80 10s. 6d. is each child's part of the price of the negroes belonging to the estate of Amos Woodward, as the same were sold by Achsa Woodward and Levin Gale, and William Chapman, exclusive of any negroes that were Edward Fottrell's, or which came to his possession, in any other manner than by his marriage with Achsa Woodward, administratrix of Amos Woodward; and £377 19s. 10d. paper money of Maryland, [1733, ch. 6.] And that the said William Chapman shall, out of the said estate of Achsa Fottrell and Edward Fottrell, which have come to his hands, likewise make payment of the several sums following, *to wit*, to each of the complainants the sum of £9 1s. 8d. paper money of Mary-