

BOARMAN'S CASE.

Upon a petition and certificate, that a person is of unsound mind, a writ *de lunatico inquirendo*, may be granted—a committee appointed of the person and estate of the lunatic, without account; upon condition of maintaining him, returning an inventory, &c.—a runaway slave belonging to a lunatic may be sold to prevent a loss—where two or more persons are appointed as a joint committee of a lunatic, the trust ceases by the death of any one of them—a person, not a resident of the state, should not be appointed committee of a lunatic—on the death of the lunatic the court can only deliver itself of the lunatic's estate, without determining on the claims of his creditors, or next of kin.

John Manning and *Mary Ann*, his wife, by their petition stated, that *Mary Ann* was one of the presumptive heirs at law of *Cornelius Boarman*, then a resident of Prince George's county, who was seized in fee simple of a valuable real estate in Charles county; and possessed of a large personal estate, more than adequate to his maintenance; that he had, by the visitation of God, been deprived of his understanding; and, for several years past, had not enjoyed any, or but very few lucid intervals of reason. Whereupon 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.

26th April, 1797.—HANSON, Chancellor.—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.

7th February, 1798.—HANSON, Chancellor.—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 order of the Chancellor, the said *John Manning* shall use the