

It is perfectly clear, from the proceedings, that *Ignatius Manning* is chargeable with the sum of £353 7s. 0d. which he has, or ought to have in his hands, as a part of the late lunatic's estate. On the death of the lunatic, the jurisdiction of the Chancellor over his estate immediately ceased for every purpose whatever; except that of calling the trustee to account, and directing him to hand over all the property of the deceased lunatic to his legal representatives; so that this court might, without delay, completely deliver itself of the whole subject of which it had taken charge. (e)

But if this court were to continue its authority over the estate of the deceased lunatic, for the purpose of ascertaining the proper discount to which the trustee was entitled, as next of kin, or creditor other than as trustee, there would be scarcely a single instance in which, upon the death of a lunatic, who had been under the care of this court, that the administration and distribution of his estate would not be thrown upon this court, instead of the Orphans Court, which has been, in so especial a manner and in general, clothed with jurisdiction in all matters relative to the administration and distribution of deceased persons' estates; since it must very often happen, that a trustee may have such a claim as this upon the estate of the deceased. Such a course of proceeding, as a continuation of the jurisdiction in lunacy, cannot be allowed. But there may be circumstances in which a bill may be filed by a next of kin, or a creditor of the deceased lunatic against his administrator and trustee for the administration and distribution of his estate, in which the trustee may be ordered to account in that cause; and upon such account may have all just allowances made to him. (f) Here, however, the matter is presented in an entirely different form.

A trustee of a lunatic is an agent of the court, who must be held strictly accountable; and who must hold himself at all times ready to account, to deliver the property, and to pay the money in his hands, as ordered by the court, without the least delay.

Whereupon it is *Ordered*, that the said petition be and the same is hereby dismissed with costs.

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After which, on motion of *Ignatius Manning* in proper person, the attachment not having been served upon him, the matter was again brought before the court.

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(e) 2 Harr. Pra. Chan. 122; Shelford on Lunatics, 208; *Ex parte Clarke*, 4 Cond. Chau. Rep. 276. (f) *Wigg v. Tiler*, 2 Dick. 552; Shelford on Lunatics, 213.