

not capable of exercising a guardianship most humbly pray your worships would be pleased to appoint your Petition as being the most Nearest of Kin to ^{of Dec^d}. and as in duty bound will pray
Roger Woolford

The Petition afo^r being Read and heard and the Premises considered; the Said Roger Woolford ^{would} not accept of the Estate of the afo^r Lewis Woolford Dec^d. that does belong to Martha and Mary Woolford his Orphans, upon No^r Other terms than that the said Estate personall in Negro's &c. Should not be Sold and that their Slaves Should be preserved in the Best Manner for the Use of the Orphans afo^r &c

Whereupon the Justices of Somerswell in Court Sitting makes an Offer of the Estate of Lewis Woolford afo^r Dec^d. that does belong to the afo^r Orphan, ^{to Several persons} then present in the Same Court, to be Guardian to the Orphans and their Estates afo^r, on the first terms provided by act of assembly as ~~included~~ appears by the Seven Paragraph of the Same act, but No Person would accept of the Same or undertake as Guardian's for the Same Orphans and their Estates on those terms as by Law Provided &c

Whereupon the Same Justices of the Court afo^r did then Commit the Estate Personall of the Said Orphans unto the Care of the afo^r Roger Woolford, who is appointed by the Same Court Guardian or trustee of the Same, on the terms afo^r, that he Offered to accept thereof; as is mentioned in the Same act of assembly and Incident to the Seventh Paragraph afo^r Dec^d.

Whereupon It is Ordered by the Court that the Said Roger Woolford give good Security to Comply with the Law in Relation to Such Guardian or trustee &c

Thereupon the Said Roger Woolford together with Lewis Gale and Francis Allen his Securitys are present in Court in their proper persons acknowledged themselves Joyfully and Severally to Owe and Stand Justly Indebted unto the afo^r Martha and Mary Woolford Orphans as afo^r their heirs or assignes in the Sum of four hundred and Six pounds Curr^t money to be Levied upon their bodys goods or Chattells Lands or tenements Joyfully and Severally for the Use of the afo^r Orphans their heirs or assignes &c

In Case the Said Roger Woolford do ~~not~~ Sell and dispose, or Suffer to be Sold or disposed the Originate Stock of Slaves, and their Increase that belongs to the Orphans afo^r, and do not in the best manner preserve them for the Use of the Said Orphans till they Shall arrive at ~~their~~ full age as by Law in Such Case provided Quitted and appointed with an intent to hinder their having, their first Stock of Slaves made good to them, in number, Value, and ability of body if maybe, &c and Likewise if he doth not Comply in Every Respect with the Law touching