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That all Cattle, horses & sheep be returned in kind by y<sup>e</sup> Guardians according to  
age & number when as he received them.

And because severall persons had (before the making of this Act) estate  
of orphans in their hands, w<sup>ch</sup> they kept for y<sup>e</sup> male increase, & giving a year  
account of y<sup>e</sup> augmentation & diminution of y<sup>e</sup> Orphans stocks, w<sup>ch</sup> (by  
carelessness, or wickedness of y<sup>e</sup> Guardians) was usually consumed before he  
came to age; & disputes thereupon arising, in the severall Courts, how such  
persons should be proceeded with, & acct<sup>s</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Orphans estate how to be  
given them.

It is hereby declared that all persons possessed of Orphans stocks  
before the making of this Act, shall be bound to deliver to y<sup>e</sup> Orphan, when  
he comes to age, such & so many of any kind as he is possessed w<sup>th</sup>, w<sup>ch</sup>  
he gives his acct<sup>s</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> next Orphans Court succeeding to y<sup>e</sup> publication  
of this Act.

That all Plate, money, Rings & Jewells be preserved & delivered in kind  
according to y<sup>e</sup> weight & quantity; & that other household stuffe & Lumber  
be appraised in money, & y<sup>e</sup> value thereof paid by y<sup>e</sup> Guardian to the  
Orphan when he comes to age, either in money sterling, according to the  
appraisment, or in Tobacco at y<sup>e</sup> (then) price current. And in case any  
difference shall arise what shall be the (then) price current, y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Judge  
of y<sup>e</sup> County Court where y<sup>e</sup> Orphans estate doth lye, determine what  
shall be y<sup>e</sup> (then) price current.

That every male Orphan shall be accounted to be of full age at y<sup>e</sup> years of one  
& twenty, & at y<sup>e</sup> age to receive his estate from y<sup>e</sup> Guardian. But in case  
any person, by his last will & testament, doo appoint any person to be Executor  
that is full seventeen years of age, y<sup>e</sup> person so appointed shall be  
adjudged of sufficient age to administer as Executor. And if such  
Executor happen to be under seventeen years of age, y<sup>e</sup> administration to be  
granted to such other person as the Judge in testamentary business shall approve  
of, till such Executor accomplish y<sup>e</sup> full age of seventeen years, & that such  
administration to y<sup>e</sup> use & profit of y<sup>e</sup> Infant Executor, & not otherways nor  
in any other manner.

That every female Orphan shall be accounted of full age to receive her estate  
at y<sup>e</sup> age of sixteen years, or day of marriage w<sup>ch</sup> shall first happen.  
Provided she be above sixteen years of age at y<sup>e</sup> day she is married.

That all Negroes & other Slaves shall be, after y<sup>e</sup> transmitting of y<sup>e</sup> estate to y<sup>e</sup>  
County Courts, appraised to y<sup>e</sup> Estates & Guardians, & be preserved by  
them, & employed to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Estates & Guardians use & benefit; & y<sup>e</sup> like number  
of Slaves of like abilities reserved to y<sup>e</sup> Orphans out off their increase  
if any be, at their severall full ages by this Law limited. And if an  
of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Slaves be grown aged, or otherways impotent, or be Lamed, or  
that y<sup>e</sup> increase will not make y<sup>e</sup> original Stock good as to number or  
ability of body; that then they shall be again appraised by the s<sup>d</sup>