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Polly Bassett vs. Mathews in Chancery. It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendants William Mathews and Elizabeth his wife, Peyton Hunter, Alexander Hunter and Patsy Rowland are no inhabitants of this Commonwealth and that the order of publication awarded against them has been duly executed and they shall failing to appear the plaintiffs bill as to them is taken for confessed and it moreover appearing to the Court that the subpoena awarded in this cause has been served on the defendants Samuel Burks & Pamela his wife, John A. Hairston, Landis P. Stovall and Robert T. Woods more than four months and they failing to appear and answer , the bill as to them is taken for confessed, and now this cause was heard on the bill the exhibits and the arguments of Council on consideration whereof the Court doth order, adjudge and due that John C. Traylor, James Baker, William F. Mills and William A. Taylor or any three of them the an hereby appointed Commissioners for that purpose do divide the land whereof Powhatan B Hunter died owner under the Will of his mother Martha Greenlee into six equal parts and assigns one to the Complainant Polly Bassett, one to Patsy Rowland alias Gray, one to William Matthews in right of his wife Elizabeth Matthews , one to Samuel Burks in right of his wife Pamela Burks , one to John A Hairston in right of his purchase from Peyton Hunter and another to the said Hairston in right of his purchase from Alexander Hunter : but the possession of the land aforesaid is to be withheld from the parties aforesaid and each of them and they and each of them are to take no benefit under this date until they shall have executed; depend on bonds to the Executors of Martha Greenlee dec'd conditioned according to law. And the Court doth more judge and decree that come Smith do take an account of the administration of Landis P. Stovall and John A Hairston Executors of Martha Greenlee dec'd and the said Hinton as trustee for Powhatan B. Hunter, the said Commissioner is empowered to examine and of the parties afore oath and is required to state any matter relating to the accounts aforesaid which he may dune pertinent and which either of the parties may require to be stated . It is further ordered that the Executors of Martha Greenlee dec'd to pay the existing costs of this sent out of any unapplied funds in their hands, and that the Court herein appointed do report their proceedings under this decreed.