

Centre Ville Tuesday February 23rd 1858

The court met pursuant to adjournment

Present

1 John C. Ruth Esquire Chief Justice
41 Charles M. Collier Esquire } Associate
41 Saml. J. Earle Esquire } Justices

John C. Ruth Esquire appeared, having presented his commission from his excellency the Governor of Maryland appointing him chief justice of the orphans court of Queen Anne's County and took his seat as the same, having been duly qualified by the clerk of the Circuit Court of said county before whom he took and subscribed his name to the several oaths as required by the constitution and laws of the state

Ordered that the 1st Guardian account of John Nelson, Ward of John P. Solloway be rec'd, filed & recorded.

Ordered that the division of negroes belonging to the estate of Harris C. Legg, dec'd, be rec'd, filed & recorded.

Ordered that the last will and testament of James B. Sparks, late of Queen Anne's County, dec'd, be admitted to probate.

On application, Ordered that Letters of Administration with the will annexed on the estate of James B. Sparks deceased be granted and committed to Joseph B. Sparks, when he executes a bond in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, with Benjamin Cofpage John Rolph and Wm. H. Sparks as his securities.

And then a warrant shall be issued to Joshua Gooden and James Rolph to appraise the personal property of James B. Sparks, late of Queen Anne's County dec'd.

On application and filing renunciations Ordered that Letters of Administration on the estate of Luther H. Sparks, late of Queen Anne's County deceased be granted and committed to Joseph B. Sparks, when he executes a bond in the penal sum of \$1000⁰⁰ Thousand dollars, with Benjamin Cofpage John Rolph & Wm. H. Sparks, securities. And when it is ordered that a warrant shall be issued to Joshua Gooden and James Rolph to appraise the personal property of Luther H. Sparks deceased.

Ordered that a warrant be issued to John Browne and Wm. L. R. Deford to estimate the annual value of the property of James Edward Potts, in the hands of his guardian Ira Clark.

On application, Ordered that Letters of Administration on the estate of James C. Stevens late of Queen Anne's County deceased, be granted and committed unto his son James C. Stevens, who executes a bond in the penal sum of fifteen thousand dollars with Enoch George and Wm. H. Sparks, securities.

Ordered that a warrant be issued to Francis A. Ruth and George W. Walls to appraise the personal property of James Stevens, late of Queen Anne's County deceased.

John W. Perry by his attorney Thomas J. Keating Esquire appeared in court with Negro Jefferson Boyle his slave for a term of years, and filed a petition praying the Court that in consequence of the absconding and other improper conduct of said slave, that his term of service be extended and that he be sold out of the state of Maryland.

Whereupon the Court after hearing evidence in the case do Order and adjudge that the said slave shall serve one year in addition to the time he was to serve the said John W. Perry which was until the 10th day of February 1872, and that his term of service now be extended till the 10th day of February 1873, And that he be sold to be removed beyond the limits of said state, or not, at the discretion of the owner.

The Court adjourned till Tuesday next.

The 2nd day of March next.

Test per Saml. Vickers Reg. M. C.

Queen Anne's County