delivered to the Creditors agreeable to their respective —
portions — there are Debts on Bonds, & some on Accounts,
to be assigned & Divided in like manner. I mentioned this
Method as well because it would be the most —
expeditious, & least public, as because if the Effects
were sold at this Time for Money, they would not
produce to the Creditors one half their Value, &
therefore those who chose to keep the Effects, or all them
afterwards on Credit, might not be involved in that inconveni-
-ency with others, who are under the necessity of turning
their portion of them into ready Money, which is the Case of
Mr Leech the principal Creditor. You will observe by
this Method, the will immediately be divested of every
thing, & reduced to the greatest inconvenidney & distress:
to obviate or to alleviate which, I privately proposed
some gratuity to assist him, either to look around —
for some employment in this Country, or to enable him
to return to his friends in Europe: And as there
will be the Books to ballance, some Bonds to be
taken, & his presence & assistance wanted at the
Appraisement & Dividend, I suggested that a Commission
of 4 C. should be allowed him for his trouble, so
as to throw upon the whole about 100 £ into his Pocket
over & above the reservation of a Horse to ride; this
has been agreed to very readily by the other Creditors
I am persuaded will meet your Approbation. If you
can think of any thing by which we can more effectually
assist him I hope you will do me the favor to communicate
your sentiments to me. I am Y. with great respect
& regard Y. ob & very Hble
Serv. W Cooke
31 Augt. 1782

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