

Jane
Lanier
Commissioner Gaines office
Petersburg Septem^r. 30th 1839.

The Commissioner respectfully reports to the Court that he issued a notice in this case on the 15th of July last, appointing the 29th of September instant, for the parties attendance before him at his office in Petersburg, for the purpose of executing the order of the 15th day of June 1836. - in the case appointed for the settlement of the accounts directed by said order, the defendant & Plaintiff, and Adm^r of Lanier, by his Counsel, laid before the Commissioner the accounts No 1 & 2, containing a complete settlement, before the County Court of Sussex, of all the Adm^r's transactions with the Testator's Estate from its commencement in the year 1823, to the 1st of January 1831, by which accounts, which were duly admitted to record in said Court, it appears that the Estate of the Testator was indebted to Thomas Hunt as Plaintiff Adm^r & as aforesaid, on the day last mentioned, in the sum of \$25.24, with interest on \$19.35 part thereof, from said date till paid.

The Commissioner is advised by the Adm^r, thro' his Counsel, that he has had no subsequent transactions with the Testator's Estate, and that he therefore has no additional account to render in compliance with said order.

It appears that the depositions of slaves and other property mentioned in the will of E. Lanier and, were not delivered or paid over by the Adm^r, as it was necessary to make sale of them for the payment of debts - and all the

property which came to the Admors houses was sold and accounted for in the accounts before mentioned.

The Commissioner further reports that the Admors supposing that there would be a sufficiency of personal property to pay the debts of the estate without in any manner resorting to the sale or other disposition of the plaintiff Jane, and therefore assenting to her emancipation in accordance with the Testators Will, declined to exercise any authority or control over her, and hence he never hired her out. The Commissioner ascertains upon en-
quiry, that she had an infant or very young child ^{born} ~~after~~ the
decease of the Testator, and being a breeding woman ever
since, has now three or four children. In answer to
that branch of the order which directs a statement to be
made in relation to "the reasonable hire or profits of the plaintiff
annually," the Commissioner reports that from such information
as he has been enabled to procure upon the subject he supposes
that the plaintiff Jane would have hired from the year
1828, when the Admors qualified, down to the present
time, for something like \$25 per annum.

Very respectfully
H B Gaines Comr

Commiss fee including notice }
\$ 5.00. Charged to Edwin Lanier }