

to audit accounts. Such commissions were very common under the provincial government; and may now be issued in any case,

whole five years aforesaid, amount unto the sum of 1200 pounds of tobacco; which I have also allowed to the complainant for the rents and profits of that part of his real estate which lies in Calvert county. Which several sums of tobacco being taken together for the whole rents and profits of the complainant's real estate, during the time aforesaid, do amount unto the sum of 27,450 pounds of tobacco, which I have reduced to sterling money, at the rate of 12s. 6d. per cwt.; which, having considered the testimony of Thomas Sanner and James White, witnesses sworn and examined in this cause before the hearing thereof, the first of which deposes, that to the best of his memory, tobacco bore a good price from the year 1713 to the year 1718; and the second, that for the last two years, wherein he received the rents, that to the best of his memory, it was worth about fifteen shillings sterling, in bills of exchange, I have estimated to have been the market price of tobacco, taking it as a mean for the five years aforesaid; at which rate it does amount unto the sum of £171 11s. 3d. sterling; which sum of money I have allowed the complainant for the whole rents and profits of his real estate during the five years aforesaid.

'And I likewise find, that the value of the profits which might have been made of the mulatto man called Ned, mentioned in the proceedings, for five years and one quarter, which time the defendant had the said Ned in his possession, did amount unto the sum of £105 gold currency, as charged in the eighth article of the first schedule, to this, my report, annexed, which I have estimated at the rate of twenty pound, gold currency, per annum; and allowed to the complainant, upon the testimony of Francis Gaines, John Gaines, and Samuel Griffin, witnesses sworn and examined in this cause before the hearing thereof: and the confession of the defendant in his answer, which admits the said mulatto Ned to have been an ordinary carpenter and cooper.

'I have likewise considered the allowances prayed to be made by the defendant in the second schedule, to this, my report, annexed; and have not made any allowance for the first article therein contained, of two negro men, which the complainant had of the defendant, for about five years before he came of age; they being acknowledged by the defendant, to be part of the complainant's estate; and the complainant not appearing to have been any charge to the defendant during that time. But I have allowed the defendant for maintaining a negro girl, mentioned in the second article of the second schedule, to this, my report, annexed, at the rate of 300 pounds of tobacco per annum; which, for the first five years therein mentioned, does amount unto the sum of 1500 pounds of tobacco; the said girl not being able then to work for her maintenance. I have also allowed, with the agreement of the complainant, to the defendant 1525 pounds of tobacco, and 77 bushels of wheat; which I have reduced to tobacco at forty pounds of tobacco per bushel, and does amount unto the sum of 3080 pounds of tobacco, for the quit rents of the complainant's lands, paid to the receiver of the rents for the right honourable the Lord Baltimore, as mentioned in the third article of the second schedule, to this, my report, annexed; all which tobacco being taken together does amount unto the sum of 6105 pounds; which being reduced to sterling, at the rate of 12s. 6d. per cwt. does amount unto the sum of £38. 3s. 1½d. sterling.

'I have also allowed, by the admission of the complainant, upon the oath of the defendant, for one pair of calash wheels, £2 12s. 6d. sterling; for two looking glasses, £2 sterling; for two pair of iron dogs, £2 sterling; for a large folding-table, £1 sterling, as mentioned in the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh articles of