

*John Hook*, deceased, *William McMechen*, *John Cator*, *John S. King*, *John Weaver*, *Samuel Moore*, *George A. Hughes*, *John Fitzgerald*, *Catharine Rawlings* and *Benjamin Rawlings*, executors of *William Rawlings*, *Matthew Bennett* and *Nathaniel Chittenden*.

The bill states, that the plaintiff, on the 5th of April, 1820, took out letters of administration *de bonis non* upon the estate of the late *Anthony Hook*, which had been left unadministered by *Mary Hook*, deceased, the former administratrix; and that the intestate *Anthony Hook* being the owner, and in possession in his life-time of certain chattels real, and personal property, conveyed the whole to his son *John Hook*, by the following indenture:

'This indenture, made the seventeenth day of August, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, between *Anthony Hook*, of Baltimore county in the state of Maryland, brickmaker, of the one part, and *John Hook*, son of the said *Anthony*, of the county and state aforesaid, of the other part. Whereas, the said *Anthony Hook* is justly and *bona fide* indebted to *John Moale*, *Esquire*, of Baltimore city in the county aforesaid, for arrears of rent; to *Colonel Robinson* and *George Gray*, of Anne Arundel county; *Abel Cheney*, of Anne Arundel county; *John Kirwan*, of Snowhill, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland; *Milburn*, of Snowhill; *Littleton Furnis*, of Snowhill; *John Rean*, of Snowhill aforesaid; also to *Sarah Smith*, widow, of Baltimore county; *Joshua Amos*, of Baltimore county aforesaid; *Joshua Hendrickson*; *Valentine Sneider*; *William Hodge*; and *Margaret Croxall*, of Baltimore county, in several sums of money; and whereas the said *John Hook*, his son, hath agreed to pay the several creditors of his said father *Anthony*, their several and respective debts. Now, therefore, this indenture witnesseth, that the said *Anthony Hook*, as well in consideration of the above recited premises, as also for and in consideration of the natural love and affection he hath and beareth towards his said son *John Hook*; and the further consideration of the sum of five shillings, current money of Maryland, to him in hand paid by the said *John Hook*, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he the said *Anthony Hook* hath given, granted, bargained and sold, assigned, transferred and set over; and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain and sell, assign, transfer and set over unto him, the said *John Hook*, his executors, administrators and assigns, all those ten acres of land, being part of a tract of land called *David's Fancy*, lying in Baltimore county; beginning, for the said ten acres, at a post set up at or near