

The answer of William Colley to a bill in Chancery
exhibited against him and Sally Colley widow of Asa
Colley dec^d. in the County Court of Prince Edward by Jacob Woodson
late Sheriff of Prince Edward and adm^r of Asa Colley deceased, Edmund
Colley in his individual capacity and as adm^r of William Colley
dec^d. Eliza Colley Widow of Wm Colley dec^d. Eliza William Colley
infant by said Edmund Colley her next friend, James Gille
land & Sally his Wife late Sally Colley and James Colley, Isaac
Colley, Asa Colley and Nancy Colley. This Respondt for answer
to the said bill or to so much thereof as he is advised is
material for him to answer unto he answers and saith
~~that~~. That he admits the death of Valentine Colley but
denies that Frank (the Negro the subject of controversy in this
suit) descended by the death of the said Valentine to Asa Colley
dec^d. This Respondt denies that he ever acknowledged
that the said Negro Frank was the property of Asa Colley
his brother as alleged in the bill, nor did he ever offer to
buy the said Negro Frank of Sally Colley widow of said
Asa Colley dec^d. - This Respondt. also positively denies
that he ever purchased or attempted to purchase
the said Negro Frank of Sally Colley widow of Asa
Colley dec^d. and also denies that ~~the said~~ Eliza Colley
ever had any right to said Negro Frank - This Respondt
admits that he ~~is~~ has the said Frank in his
possession but denies that he came to his possession
by purchase of Sally Colley as stated in the bill - This
Respondt not only has the said Frank in his possession
but is advised that he has a right to hold