But you knot the reason, Why the Woman is dead the Children come to age or very Near and demand theire filliall portions out of his hands given by theire ffather, Will and he refuses the Delivery of them or at Least delayes and trifles with them and if hee can gett this account to pass hee may Justifye the Keepeing them for the Estate was by this more indebt then it was worth when to my knowledge is sales by some hundred

5th But there is more in it then this for when the Mother of this Children marryed Capt Brent shee knowing that shee had Coare Colo Chandlers Estate by paying the Debts, made out all her Estate that shee brought in Marriage to him the said Brent to her Children and hee approved on very well, But yett shee gaue away but a small part to them (to witt 3 or 4 Negro women and two Children to his Daughter Jane and a Negro man to her Sonn William as by the Coppie of Bond here with sent you may pruse Now if this account can pass I will serue to defeat them of that porcon also. and that I believe hee is most Eager in because the Daughter is Now in suit for her Negroes which hee detaynes —

Sirs this is truth and will bee made appeare, and I am not concerned as attorney for them in your Court but as friend to them and you, and therefore desire you to Examine a little into the Matter and you find what I say to be true,

1 Therefore I humbly offer that you will cause or give me leaue on the Children behalfe by this to Enter a Caueat agt the passing that accompt

2 That you will be pleased to Order that the Books & papers of Colo Chandler may be brought into your office that the Children may see them & theire friends also, without which it is Impossible for them to discover by whome & with what Effects the Debts of that Estate was paid and what the Estates Credit are, and they doe most properly belong to you since Mad Chandler the Exx is dead and Capt Brent Neither Exor Nor Adm- nor any new Administration Granted

3d William Chandler the Eldest son is now about 17 yeares and capable to Administer, therefore you may please Either to Grant him the Administracon if hee will take it or at least let him have the perusall of the Bookes & papers in order to make Legall Exceptions —

4d That you will reuoak that Order made at the End of Capt Brents Accompt because I think it says that them paymts are Just and Legall and have been Examined by you which I believe you were surprised in) and that you will put all parties Upon Euen ground by declaring that Nothing thereof shall be adjudged Just and Legall till Upon Examinacon and in a Legall way they shall be found soe, for it is vaine for the Children to put in Exceptions to Brents accounts that is way qualifyed to render one

Sir I have Exceed the bounds Intended but am forced to it by the Nature of the Case, you are soe much a friend to Justice and Orphans as to pdon my Tediousnes which I intreat for I am Sincere as you will find and that I desire to approue my selfe as well in all others as this

Your obedient humble Servt
Wm Dent

Memorane —

Wheareas Capt George Brent of Virginia the 21 Day of may last did by false suggestion unto the Honble Comty Court that hee in right of his wife mary Chandler was Legally possessed of the Estate of Colo Wm Chandler deceased and obliged to render an Accompt of the same and under Cuell protest thereof did procure that seuerall payments that he alleaged that he had made out of the said Estate might be preseruacon of them be Registred In this office and his proofs of the same be held good proofs till Exceptions be put into them, and the Contrary made appeare — Wheereas indeed it since appears that he was Neither Legall Exor or Adm- of the said Chandler or mary his wife and Now since the same (to witt) the second Day of July 1697: Mr Wm Dent on behalfe of the Orphans hath made seuerall Exceptions against the said Accompt and alledges that the seuerall paymts therein are but false suggestions and Upon fair Contesting the same will soe appear, and also that the Inuentory he hath since that time sent into this office is a false Inuentory, Ordered that the said accompt Exhibited by the said Capt Brent be Disallowed & held Null & voyd according to the true Intent & meaning of the former Order made which was when and as soone as Exceptions should be made against the said accompt the said accompt should be voyd, and that the said Capt Brent be stiled to bring in Upon Oath into this office a true List of all Bookes writeings & papers that does appertayn or any wayes relate to the Estate of the said Chandler and shew reason why permitts not the friends of the said Orphans to haue the perusall of them on theire behalfe