

Michael Gardner Esquire, High Sheriff of the County of York,  
came into Court and made return of a former Order of this Court, where  
by he was commanded to make partition of a certain tract of lands  
with his appurtenances situated in Vestburg Township, York County, con-  
taining about one hundred and fifty Acres adjoining the Conowingo  
River lands of Malthide Baker, Henry Bower, Mather Bower and George  
Bower to the Estate of John Bower deceased, who died Intestate, and  
said amongst the Widow and Children of said Intestate, if the  
same would admit of such partition without prejudice to reser-  
ving the whole otherwise to value and appraise the whole together  
land undivided. And by the said Sheriff's return on said Order  
and an Inquisition thereunto annexed it appears that the same  
would not admit of such partition in manner aforesaid, with-  
out prejudice to or spoiling the whole, and that the Inquest  
have valued the same at the sum of five Thousand and fifty  
Dollars, and twelve Cents, lawful Money of Pennsylvania, which  
Valuation the Court do hereby confirm. And now come into  
Court George Bower Esq. son and Heir at Law of said Intestate  
and prayed to be permitted to take the same at the rate of value-  
tion. Whereupon the Court Decree the sum to him, he paying the  
Widow and other Children and Representatives of said Intestate their  
Respective Shares thereof. And it is ordered and Decreed by the Court  
that the said George Bower, be allowed the sum of thirty five Dollars  
and four Cents, the expenses and costs of these proceedings, that he  
pay unto Christina the Widow of said Intestate, yearly and every  
Year during her natural life the sum of ninety nine Dollars and  
sixty two Cents, lawful Money aforesaid, the first payment where-  
of to be made within one Year from this day, in full for the right  
incumbent of her of the said Widow out of the aforesaid tract of land  
(that)

That he retain in his hands the sum of four hundred and some money  
four Dollars, and twenty nine Cents, and after the death of the  
said Widow the further sum of two hundred and thirty seven Dol-  
lars and fourteen Cents, in full for his share of the said tract of  
land, that he pay unto Henry Bower, John Bower, Benjamin  
Bower, Nancy Bower, and Catharine Bower, amount John Jacob  
the legal Representatives of Mary deceased, who was a Daughter  
of said Intestate, or unto the Guardians of such of them as are  
Minors each the sum of four hundred and seventy four Dollars  
and twenty nine Cents, lawful Money aforesaid, in One Year with  
Interest from this day, and after the death of the said Wid-  
ow the further sum of two hundred and thirty seven Dollars and  
fourteen Cents, each, lawful Money aforesaid, in full for their re-  
spective shares of the said tract of land, as six of the children and  
Representatives of said Intestate, which said several sums of  
Money are the full amount of the said Valuation, and it is  
further Ordered and Decreed by the Court that upon the said  
George Bower his making the several payments aforesaid, or pro-  
viding good security for the same, that thereupon he the said George  
Bower his Heirs and Assigns do Hold the said Tract of Land  
for the same Estate, and in as full and ample a manner as the  
said John Bower deceased, his father in his lifetime held and  
enjoyed the same, Executed and discharged even to the further claims  
of the said Widow and other children and representatives of  
said Intestate and all persons claiming or to claim the same  
under them, or any, or either of them.

George Bower and George Sink, respectively bound unto Jacob  
Whittier and George Parvity, Judges of the Ephraim Court of York  
County, in the sum of ten thousand and thirty Dollars, and twenty  
four Cents current lawful Money of Pennsylvania, to be paid of their  
goods and chattels, lands and tenements, respectively, upon this  
condition that the said George Bower shall and do will and truly

party at the same will bear, & accommodate by mutual consent  
and well and truly value and appraise every part. But  
if the said Inquest shall think that the premises will not  
admit of partition or Division at all without prejudice to  
speaking the whole then that they well and truly value  
and appraise the whole undivided according to the direction  
of the Act of General Assembly in that behalf made and pro-  
vided, and that the said Inquest do make return as in  
inquisition annexed to this order as well under their hand and  
seal as the hand and seal of the said Inquest, to the next  
Orphans Court, after the same is held.

The Petition of Mrs and Benjamin Bowe late the  
of John Bowe late of the County of Down in said County  
who died Intestate by Voluntary Single Will and  
was read to the Court sitting at that the said Intes-  
tate hath left to survive him a widow named Elizabeth  
and six children lawful issue Namely George, Robert,  
Penny, John, Benjamin, James and Elizabeth and one grand  
child the legal Representative of said Daughter, they do  
name John John. That the said Intestate did seized of  
a tract of Land and appurtenances Situate in a Part of  
County of Down and one part of which called the lower part  
has been directed by the said Court to be sold for the payment  
of the Intestates Debt and the other part called the upper  
place containing about one hundred and fifty Acres with  
the appurtenances adjoining the town of Crumlin, bounded  
with Mathias Baker, Henry Bowe, & Martin Bowe, and George  
Bowe, and the other Part, the said Widow, Children and Grand  
Child now held together and undivided, and praying the Court  
to award an Inquest to make partition of the said Land and  
appurtenances so held among the said Widow Children and  
Grand Child of the said Intestate, according to Law, but  
if the same will not admit of such partition without

provides to a partitioning the whole, then to inquire whether the said  
land and appurtenances so as aforesaid held together and undivided  
and either the upper place will conveniently accommodate more than  
one of the Representatives of the said Intestate, and how many  
it will accommodate and to make a just appraisement of each  
part into which it may be dividable, but if they find that the  
same will not admit of partition as aforesaid, nor conveni-  
ently accommodate more than one of the parties aforesaid then  
to make a just valuation and appraisement of the whole  
together and undivided, and to make Report according to Law.  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF it is considered by the Court, and ordered, that the  
Sheriff of the County of York, in his proper person with twelve good  
and lawful men of the County, in the presence of all the parties  
who shall stand to attend at the Guardians of each of them several  
times respectively having due and legal notice thereof, do visit  
and survey the said tract of land, and make partition thereof  
with the appurtenances to and among the widow Children  
and Grand Child of said Intestate, by metes and bounds  
and value and appraise each part separately, if the same will  
admit of such partition without prejudice to or spoiling the  
whole, but if they find the same cannot be so divided among  
the widow Children and Grand Child of said Intestate, with-  
out prejudice to or spoiling the whole, that they then well  
and truly inquire, whether the said tract of land will conveni-  
ently accommodate more than one of the said Children of said  
Intestate, and if they find that they then well and truly par-  
tition the same into so many parts as the same will bear  
or accommodate by metes and bounds, and well and truly value

but if they find the same cannot so be divided amongst  
said heirs and heirs without prejudice to or spoiling  
that he holds that they themselves and their heirs the said  
grantees will conveniently accommodate more than one of the  
said heirs of the said estate, and if they so find that they  
can then will and truly partition the same into so many  
parts as the same will bear, or accommodate, by metes and  
bounds, and will and truly value and appraise each part  
part, but if the said request shall find that the grantees  
will not consent to partition or division at all, without  
prejudice to or spoiling the whole, then that they will and  
truly value and appraise the whole undivided, according  
to the directions of the acts of Assembly in such matters  
and provisions, and that the said Sheriff do make return  
of said request annexed to his name as well under  
his own hand and seal, as under the hands and seals  
of said request, to the next ordinary court after the same  
is held.

The petition of George Dower, and Henry  
Dower, and Martin Dower the said Martin being one  
of the brothers, and the said George and Henry, being two  
of the sons of John Dower deceased, who was another of the  
brothers of Wm Dower late of Newbury township in the  
said county deceased who died intestate. Wills made to  
the Court sitting forth that the said deceased Henry  
Dower died intestate leaving to survive him a widow  
Norma Catharine, but no issue, by reason of which his  
estate descended to his brothers and sisters, and their heirs  
subject to the claim of his widow that he left to sur-  
vive him three brothers, namely Christopher, Jacob &  
Martin, and two sisters, namely Christina, wife  
of Philip Terry and Eva, wife of John Hoffman as at  
the representatives of John Dower, another brother also  
named, which said Representatives of John Dower  
deceased are named as follows, viz George, Henry,  
the petitioners, John, Rehman, Wm, Thomas

