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Matthews

Dr. J. Bell & Co  
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1809 July acct for  
power

March acct for up  
duty do

1810 March Cont for  
report. Act do

1811 February do

1813 Nov do

1814 Feb do

To the worshipful Court of Brunswick County in Chancery sitting,  
Humbly complaining sheweth your Petitioner Lucretia Matthews that  
her Husband John Matthews has lately departed this life seized  
of a tract of land bounded slaves & <sup>other</sup> personal property - that  
she as his widow is entitled to one equal third part  
of said property to hold as her dower at Common Law.  
The persons entitled to the balance of the property are  
Samuel Matthews who is also Com<sup>r</sup> on said Estate  
Luke, Matthew, and Andrew Lath & Polly his wife  
formerly Polly Matthews. all of whom are named  
defendants hereto - that she has often in vain applied  
to the defendants to obtain an assignment of her said  
Dower - In Consideration whereof &c. To the end &c.  
and that your worships may decree & order an  
assignment of her dower aforesaid & grant such  
relief as appertains to equity. May it please  
the Court &c.

The answer of the defendants to the foregoing  
bill - These Defendants answer say that they  
they admit the said bill to be true & have no objection

jection to any decree the Court may think  
proper to make -

### Decree

It is decreed & ordered that Robt. Haskins, Creed  
Haskins, Richd. Coleman & Edw. J. Tarpley or any  
three do with assistance of the County Jurors  
lay off & assign ~~the share the dower of Lucretia~~  
Matthews one third part of ~~her~~ the land whereof  
her Husband died seized - and also one third  
part of his Slaves & other personal property to  
hold as her dower at Common Law -