

To the General Assembly of the State of Delaware

The Petition of Warner Mifflin respectfully represents

That your Petitioner was named with divers others Trustee by the last will and testament of Jonathan Emerson (late of the County of Kent in this State deceased) to settle his the said deceased his Estate and divide the same among his widow and Children, and where as some difficulty arose in an early stage in the business which occasioned delay - some doubts having ^{arisen} from constructions on the words of the will whether the said Estate by the Trustee could be legally divided among the Heirs till the youngest came of age, And whereas two of the Trustees named in said will are since deceased and your Petitioner and the widow of said Emerson now the wife of Paish Howland, who was also named one of the trustees by said Emerson are all that now survive - And whereas several of said Heirs are now of Lawfull age and set up their trade who labour under manifest disadvantage for want of their respective Portions to enable them to prosecute their callings to advantage which your Petitioner is fully convinced was never the intention of the Testator should be the case.

Your Petitioner therefore conceiving no method that he can devise would be so easy and proper as by application to the Legislature for a remedy in the premises Your Petitioner being much urged by Ruth Poland the Mother also by the Heirs that are of age to devise some mode whereby the said Heirs may have their Portions of their fathers Estate set off to them Your Petitioner therefore respectfully requests that the generall Assembly may investigate the will of the said Jonathan Emerson deceased and if to them it may appear reasonable that they will be pleased to grant leave to the Petitioner to bring in a bill to be enacted into a Law therein appointing a competent Number of persons to be added to the surviving Trustee who by said Act shall be fully authorized to divide and settle said Estate in such Portions as was directed and intended by said Jonth Emerson in his last will and testament and your Petitioner will acknowledge the favour -

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