

his affairs and general pecuniary embarrassments, or of his design in the execution of the deeds. They allege, however, that these instruments were executed for the full considerations mentioned in them, and as to themselves deny all fraud in their obtention. They admit that but \$7000, of the \$14,000, mentioned as the consideration of the two deeds, was paid. They insist that the complainants, if they have claims against the said Dent as their guardian, should proceed upon his bond at law, and not in equity against the defendants in respect of property, for which they allege they have paid, and to which they have a fair title.

The answer of Dent admits, that he was appointed guardian to the complainants, and gave bond with sureties for the faithful performance of his duties as such—the *prochein ami* of the complainants being such surety. He also admits his indebtedness to the complainants as alleged, and that he is indebted to other persons and has been sued ; but that the conveyances to his daughter were made for a full and valuable consideration received from her, the said consideration, however, being but \$7000 and not \$14,000, as expressed in the two deeds.

His answer also takes the ground that the remedy of the complainants is upon his bond given as their guardian, and not by a proceeding in equity to vacate the conveyances. He admits himself to be a petitioner for the benefit of the insolvent laws, notwithstanding which, however, he says it is now and always has been his intention to pay the complainants, and concludes with a denial of the fraud imputed to him in the execution of the conveyances.

The deed and bill of sale, which are exhibited with the bill, are dated on the 15th of July, in the year 1844, and each purport to have been executed for the consideration of \$7000 paid by Priscilla M. Richards to the grantor, Dent, and convey to her a number of tracts or parcels of land, and several negroes and other personal property. After a variety of other proceedings in the cause, and its transfer to this court under the Act of Assembly, and upon the hearing thereof before the late Chancellor, it appearing that the trustee of the defendant, Dent, upon