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Justices of the Court when sitting within three months from the date hereof  
to be entered on the Records of the Court & delivered to the Orphan when & as  
soon as the Orphan shall arrive at the age of twenty one years in  
kind quantity & quality pursuant to the laws of this Province in that case made  
& provided and shall save harmless & indemnify the Justices above mentioned  
of from or concerning any Estate of the Orphan & also shall at any  
time when required by the Justices of the Court render a just true & perfect  
Oath of his Guardianship lawfully without fraud or covin then this Obligation  
to be void less to be remain in force.  
Sealed & delivered at

Benj<sup>n</sup> Rush Seal  
13. Ward Seal  
400 4 160000 Seal

Courthouse

January Court 1767.

This Bond was read out in Court and Ordered to be Recorded. Test Bre. W. Black CC

Thomas  
Guardian  
Bond.  
Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin Rush Benjamin Ward  
& George Bledsoe are duly bound unto William Johnson James Ransom  
& John Hawkins Esq<sup>s</sup> Justices of the County Court of Butte in the Province of North  
Carolina in the sum of five hundred pounds good money to be paid to the aforesaid  
Justices or their Assigns to the payment whereof we jointly & severally are bound our  
selves our heirs & assigns jointly & severally for in the whole our heirs & assigns &  
order of them firmly by these presents sealed & dated the 27<sup>th</sup> day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1767.

The Condition of this Obligation is such that whereas the above named  
William Johnson James Ransom & John Hawkins at a Court held for the aforesaid  
County of Butte on the day of the date hereof nominated & constituted & appointed  
the above bound Benjamin Rush to be Guardian of John Thomas Orphan of  
William Thomas Esq<sup>r</sup> the said Benjamin Rush full power &  
authority to take into his custody & possession all the Estate Right Property & Interest  
whatsoever & whosoever to be found belonging to the said John Thomas within  
the County aforesaid. Now if therefore the said Benjamin Rush his heirs & assigns  
shall render a just true & perfect Oath of all the Estate Goods Chattels Rights  
& Credits of & belonging to the said Orphan as shall come into his hands knowledge  
or possession or into the hands or possession of any person or persons whomsoever  
by the said Benjamin Rush's Order or procurement & the same or Oath to exhibit into  
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