reason or understanding as children usually have at the age of eight years — Answers — He believes not he certainly was the most silly man the deponent ever saw — Being asked do you believe he was so witless (and) of such unsound mind that he would sign any instrument of writing purporting to be his last will (and) Testament making any disposition of his property — Answers — He believes he would sign any thing — Being asked have you understood when he went to school he was of such unsound mind as to be incapable of instruction — Answers — He has understood so — Being asked if he believes he was capable of instruction — Answers — He does not believe he was — Being asked if he believes he was capable of managing his own affairs with reason (and) understanding — Answers — He believes he was not — Being asked do you believe that Philip Nicholls was so witless that he could not number to twenty or answer any such other easy questions — Answers — He thinks he could not he believes he knew those of his own family from strangers (and) that he knew cattle from horses the tobacco house from the dwelling house — He thinks he could not number his own fingers or tell the hour of the day or day of the week — Being asked do you believe that he could discover his profit or damage though ever so plain or be instructed by any other — Answers — He believes he might be prevailed on to do or not to do but he could have no reason for it himself — Being asked from your general knowledge of Philip Nicholls (and) what you have understood of him do you believe he had any idea of his general concerns — Answers — Not rational ones — Being asked do you believe Philip Nicholls had any idea that he was an older man than his brother Stately — Answers — He apprehends not — Being asked was you frequently in the company of Philip Nicholls — Answers — No — Being asked (did) you ever see Philip Nicholls at an Election — Answers — Yes — He saw him at an Election in company with Howard Duvall — Being asked (did) you hear any body object to Philip Nicholls voting at the election saying he was a fool — Answers — No — Being asked do you believe that Philip Nicholls believed he was entitled to real (and) personal property — Answers — He believes he thought he had an interest in the property where he resided from the impressions of others but not from any knowledge of his own — Being asked do you believe that Philip Nicholls thought he had a right to do as he pleased with his own property — Answers — He believes he has very imperfect ideas of right (and) wrong he has no coherent ideas of right (and) wrong in property — Being asked do you believe that Philip Nicholls had not sense enough to know he had no right to his neighbours land — Answers — He believes he had no coherent ideas of right (and) he believes he would never have claimed any property of his own knowledge unless stimulated by others — Being asked did you ever understand (or) by whom that Philip Nicholls (and) William Thomas Clarke had a

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quarrel and a fight about property — Answers — He has understood so but by whom he cannot recollect — Being asked did you ever understand by William Thomas Clarke what steps he did take to get into the possession of the property willed to him by Stately Nicholls — Answers — Nothing more than his taking letters of administration — Being asked why do you believe that Philip Nicholls would fight or quarrel for property — Answers — He believes he would not do it without being urged to it (and) that he had no reason for it more than being urged to it by others — Being asked (did) you ever understand that Philip Nicholls gave Edward Hazel a power of attorney (and) do you believe that he (did) — Answers — He has heard so (and) believes he (did) sign it but apprehends he had not reason enough to know the consequences of any such thing — Being asked did you ever understand that Philip Nicholls complained of Howard Duvall while he was his agent — Answers — He heard so once from Edward Hazel (and) does not recollect even having heard any thing more of it — Being asked do you believe it was reasonable for Philip Nicholls to devise his real Estate equally between the four sons of Edward Hazel (and) leave his negroes free after his death — Answers — He does not think he had reason enough to make a distribution of things in future (and) he believes he had little or no recollection or knowledge of things past present or to come — Being asked do you believe that Philip Nicholls had any recollection who was his father and mother if he has been asked — Answers — He thinks he would not recollect them (and) their names when they were living with him he might distinguish them from strangers — Being asked (did) Philip Nicholls when at the Election behave with ordinary decency — Answers — yes he concerned with nobody Being asked what do you suppose induced Philip Nicholls to go to the election — Answers — He was conducted there by Howard Duvall — Being asked do you believe if a person asked Philip Nicholls to go any where with them he would know what they meant — Answers — He believes there are those with whom he would go but he would have no motive — Being asked (did) you ever hear that Philip Nicholls was such an Idiot that there was a guard kept over him to prevent his straying away — Answers — He never (did) — Being asked (do) William Thomas Clarke to your knowledge offer all the houshold furniture negroes (and) stock to be appraised as the property of Stately Nicholls — Answers — He believes he (did) he did not understand that there was any reserve made of any or any persons else — Being asked (did) you ever understand that Philip Nicholls had ever been a labouring man on that plantation —

Answers — He has — Being asked do you believe that it does not take a man of some sense to properly work corn or tobacco — Answers — yes — Being asked do you think or believe of Philip Nicholls was the Idiot he is represented to be that he would have been refused to work among corn or tobacco by his brother — Answers — He think he might possibly perform some service on a plantation under the direction of his brother —

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