2d Did you go for that purpose? 3d Did you write his will? mind memory and understanding? —
5th How did he dispose of his Estate by the will you wrote did he give any part to his brother Philip and leave it in the care of William Thomas Clarke? —
6th Did he assign to you any reasons why he was so particular in disposing of his Estate to his brother? —
7th Had Philip Nicholls less reason than your nephew Williams to whom the late chancellor Mr Hanson assigned a Guardian to conduct his business in that Court? —
8th Were you acquainted with Philip Nicholls deceased? —
9th How long were you acquainted with him? —
10th In his fathers lifetime did he transact any kind of business for him, or since his death has he transacted any kind of business for himself, such as dealing in stores, selling the crops made on the land or purchasing materials for the use of the plantation? —
11th Since the death of Philip Nicholls's father who conducted and managed the plantation and who sold the crops made on the land &c. since the death of Stately Nicholls? —
12th Who sold the crops made since Stately Nicholls's death? —
13th Do you believe that Philip Nicholls was a man of such a state of mind as that he was capable of conducting the common transactions of life —
14th Are there any particular circumstances in addition to your own opinion that lead you to believe that Philip Nicholls was not in a state of mind to transact his own business? —
15th You say you have known Philip Nicholls thirty years and upwards was he at any time during your acquaintance with him of sound and disposing mind and capable of executing a valid deed or contract? —
16th Was he capable of disposing of his property with reason and understanding either by Deed or will? —

1st Answers I was —
2d Answers I did go for that purpose.
3d Answers I did write his will.
4th Answers I thought him as much so as I had ever seen him I found him setting up I was there the greater part of the day —
5th Answers as well as I can recollect he gave some legacies to different people chiefly into the Clarke family the remainder of his Estate both real and personal he gave to his brother Philip Nicholls for and during his natural life under the particular care direction and management of William Thomas Clarke —

(6th)

6th He did assign his reasons to me why he was so particular in disposing of his Estate to his brother — He said it was his brothers great misfortune not to be in such a state of mind as to be capable of disposing of any kind of property that if he gave him an absolute right to his Estate some body would soon have him out of the whole of it —
7th I think Philip Nicholls had less understanding than my nephew Williams — I was summoned to appear before the late chancellor to give information respecting Williams's state of mind if it was such as to render him capable of answering a bill which was filed against him in the chancery court — I gave for answer that I thought him incapable of giving an answer after which a Guardian was appointed to conduct his business in that court —
8th Answers I was —
9th Answers — Thirty years and upwards —
10th Answers I never knew him to transact any kind of business in his fathers lifetime nor have I ever heard of his transacting any kind of business since his death for himself, such as dealing in stores, selling the crops made on the land or purchasing materials for the use of the plantation —
11th Answers — I think Stately Nicholls soon after the death of their father took possession, conducted and managed the plantation sold the crops made thereon and purchased such materials as were wanting —
12th Answers — After the death of Stately Nicholls I understood and do believe that Mr Howard Duvall took possession of the plantation sold all the crops made thereon and purchased all such articles as was necessary and had the whole direction and management until he was dispossessed by Mr Hazel —
13th Answers — I do believe that Philip Nicholls was not a man of such a state of mind as to render him capable of conducting the common transactions of life —
14th Answers — Independant of his brothers information respecting him I have often heard some of his relations and many of his neighbours speak of him who all agreed that he was not a man capable of transacting any kind of business —
15th Answers — I do not think that he was at any time during my acquaintance with him of sound and disposing mind nor was he capable of executing a valid deed or contract —
16th Answers — I think he was not capable of disposing of his property with reason and understanding either by Deed or Will —

Sworn to before me.
George Page —

George Page a witness produced on the part of Edward Hazel being duly sworn on the holy Evangely of almighty God deposeth and saith that he never saw Philip Nicholls

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