Hanson. Mr. George Lee and Mr Gerrard Blausin with some others, and desired this deponent not to ask the said gentlemen for the sums standing charged to them in the said Book, they having accounts in Bar. That this deponent always understood that the said Book was delivered to Messrs Barnes and Ridgale by the said Mrs Doncastle in order to secure to them, so far as the money due therein could be collected, a debt which was due on the said account of Randolph Hawkins in trust for Sally and Belsey Doncastle which account principally arose for Goods and Money furnished the said Mrs Doncastle and her children by the said Barnes and Ridgale. — That the said Mrs Doncastle often spoke to this Deponent when any of the debtors on the said Book happened to be in port Tobacco, and asked him if he had got payment from them. That this deponent never paid any Money collected by him on account of the said Book or ledger to the said Mrs Doncastle and that the said Mrs Doncastle never askd him for any part thereof, but that he always applied the same to the credit of the account aforesaid. That the said Book or Ledger was kept publickly in the compting Room of Messrs Barnes and Ridgale, and that the said Mrs Doncastle or her barr keeper had free access thereto and that this deponent never heard the said Mrs Doncastle express the least dissatisfaction at the said Book or Ledger's being kept in the possession of this deponent or the said Barnes and Ridgale but on the contrary seemed always anxious to have the debts thereon collected as speedily as possible, and this deponent always understood that the Tavern or publick house kept by the said Mrs Doncastle in port Tobacco was carried on for the benefit of the aforesaid Sally and Belsy Doncastle, and further saith not.

Sworn before
James Craik

Townley Bruce

Charles County sc.
June 25th 1773

Joseph Wilson being sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God deposeth and saith. That about the beginning of the year 1768. This deponent being then and for some time afterwards barr keeper to Mrs Elizabeth Doncastle in port Tobacco. the said Mrs Doncastle with the advice and consent of her son Doctr John Doncastle and this deponent agreed to deliver to Messrs John Barnes and Thomas Row Ridgale a Book or Ledger marked A wherein is contained sundry accounts and wherein appeared to be due sundry sums of money; during the said Barnes and Ridgale to collect the same and apply the produce thereof to the credit of an account which the said Barnes and Ridgale then had against "Randolph Hawkins in trust for Sally and Betsy Doncastle, That the reason of the delivery of the said Book or Ledger to the said Barnes and Ridgale by the advice of the said Doctr John Doncastle and this deponent was this, there appeared a large balance due on the aforesaid account to the said Barnes and Ridgale and it was judged the most easy manner to discharge the same, so far as the said debts would amount to, the said Barnes and Ridgale having as this deponent understood agreed to collect the same without charging any commission That after the delivery of the said Book or Ledger to the said Barnes and Ridgale this deponent always had free access to the same; and as often as the said Elizabeth or this Defendant wanted the said Book for the settlement of any accounts, this deponent carried it from the compting house of the said Barnes and Ridgale to the said Mrs Doncastle for that purpose and afterwards returned the said Book to the compting Room aforesaid. That this Deponent always understood from the said Mrs Doncastle and others that the public

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