Charles County: to. 14 may 1773

Came Thomas How Ridgate (acting partner for himself and John Barnes and Zeph. their Agent and made Oath on the Evangels of almighty God that the several Accounts contained in this Book preceding the profit hereof are just and true as they stand stated, and that they have not directly or indirectly to their knowledge received any part or parcel of the Moneys Tobaccoes Goods wares or other Merchandize charged as due by the said Accounts nor any security or satisfaction for the same more than Credits given.

Before
George Dent.

Charles County 27. February. 1787.

I certify the foregoing Act and probates to be truly copied from the Books of Accounts of John Barnes and Thomas Howe Ridgale (Merchants at their store at Port Tobacco. Examined and certified by

Dan. Jenifer

And the said cause so standing continued until February Term seventeen hundred and ninety one when the Complainants by their Counsel suggested the death of defendants and filed in Court their Bill of Revivor in the words following to wit.

To the Honorable Alexander Contee Hanson Esquire Chancellor of Maryland. Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honor your Oratrices Sarah Duncastle and Elizabeth Duncastle that on or about the fifth day of May 1775. they exhibited their Bill of Complaint in this Honorable Court against Thomas Hon Ridgate and his partner John Barnes and John Rogers, Philip Richard Fendall and Thomas Stone Trustees of the aforesaid Barnes and Ridgate (amongst other things) to be relieved touching the matters therein contained, and that the said Defendant Thomas Hon Ridgate

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and the other Defendants might be decreed to convey certain Negro Slaves therein mentioned to your Oratrices forever, and to account with your Oratrices for the profits of the labor of the said Slaves. To which Bill the Defendants (being) served with process of Subpoena appeared and severally put in their answers thereto and Commission was ordered by consent to Richard Barnes, Henry Barnes John Muschett and John Beale Turner as in and by the said Bill, answers and proceedings thereupon had remaining as of Record in this Honorable Court relation being thereunto had, may more fully and at large appear; and they further shew unto your Honor that before any other proceedings were had in the said cause, on or about the day of March 1790 the aforesaid Thomas Hon Ridgate died, ~~and~~ by means whereof the said cause and proceedings therein as to him became abated; and they further shew that the said Thomas Hon Ridgate died intestate and administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels rights and credits which were of the said Thomas Hon Ridgate at the time of his death, was soon afterwards committed to his Widow Elizabeth Ridgate - and your Oratrices are thereby entitled to have the same benefit and relief against the said Elizabeth Ridgate as your Oratrices should or might have had against the said Thomas Hon Ridgate. To the end therefore that the said Suit and proceedings may stand revived, and be in the same plight and condition against the said Elizabeth Ridgate as the same were at the death of the said Thomas Hon Ridgate and that your Oratrices may have the same benefit thereof as that she the said Elizabeth Ridgate may shew good cause to the contrary; May it please your Honor

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