October the 11th 1697:

Mr Samuell Withers of Talbott County Dep'ty Comiss'ry made Return of what Admon by him Granted in the Sd County (Viz) of

The Last Will & Testament of Richard Swoatnam late of Talbott County Deceased by which his will and meaning is that his well beloved Brother Edward Swoatnam and Mr Hans Hanson be his True and Lawfull Executors, But the said Hans Hanson Refusing renounced to the Same, Letters Testamentary was Granted to the above Sd Edward Swoatnam with Coppie of Sd Will annexed by the Sd Samuell Withers and proved by the Oaths of 2 Witnesses thereunto & Ordered to be Recorded

And the afsd Edward Swoatnam together with Simon Wilmot and Richard Tilgham his Securities entred in to bond for his due Admon and for the Ease & behoofe of the said Deceased or ps haus In the Sume of 3000 lt Sterling the which was Ordered to be filled

The following Commission issued out under the Seale of this office (Viz)

William the 3d by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. To the Hon-ble Colo George Robotham Esq and Mr Michaell Miller of Kent County Gent Greeting, Whereas Richard Swoatnam late of Talbott County Deceased made his last Will & Testament in writeing and did thereby appoynt his Brother Edward Swoatnam & Hans Hanson both of Kent County Gent his Exors and Whereas the Sd Edward Swoatnan hath made Complaint unto Our Comm Genll that after the Death of the said Richard and before the Probate of the said Will, Jand the Widdow of the said Richard being possessed of the Sd Riche or the greatest part thereof where all his goods Chattles & Moneys, papers & writeings were Lodged shee the said Jand hath Imbezeled, and doth Concealle Several of them Contrary to the Law & Statutes in that Case made & provided to the Grat Damage of the Sd Ex and in retardation of the Administration of the Estate of the said Dec'd Richard, And Wee willing that Right & Justice Should be done unto all ps sons Interested in the said Estate according to the true intent and meaning of the Sd Richard last Will & Testament and for the better ~~securing~~ Discovery of Such frauds and Illegall practices

Wee

Wee Do hereby therefore Authorise am Impower you the Sd George Robotham Esq and Michaell Miller Gent to Summons before you the Sd Jand the late wife of the Sd Deceased and any other ps son or ps sons that you know or shall be Informed of, that Can make Any Discovery of any Concealment or imbezlement of the said Estate & them to Examine upon theire Oaths what part or portion that they or the best of ~~yours~~ Knowledge they or any other ps son or ps sons have Concealed or Imbezled, and make return thereof into our Comiss'ry Genll office at the Port of Annapolis with all Convenient Speed Given at the Port of Annapolis the 23d Day of October in the 9th years of Our Raign Annoq Domini 1697: Witness Kendlm Chefeldyn Esq Our Comiss'ry Genll or Chiefe Judge for Probate of Wills &c.

Kendlm Chefeldyn (Seale)

The Last Will & Testam. of Thomas Browdle late of Talbott County Deceased by wch he Leaves all the Care and Managmt of his Concerns unto his wife Phebe Browdle to whom Lett & Testamy was Granted by the said Samll Withers wth Coppie of the Said Will annexed and proved by the Oaths of 2 Witnesses thereunto and Ordered to be Recorded — And the Said Phebe Browdle Entred into Bond together with Joseph Leach & Joseph James in 500 lt Ster for her due Admon the said Bond was Ordered to be filed —

Letters of Administration Granted by this Sd Samll Withers on the Estate of Cornelius Mulraine late of Talbott County Deceased, Vnadministred by John Holton unto John Edmondson, and entred into Bond together with James Bronson and Wm Edmondson his Securities in 150 lt ster: the which was Ordered to be filed —

The accompt of John Edmondson Admr of the said Cornelius Mulraine dec'd, Ordered to be Recorded —

The accompt of Mary Bragg Adx of Thom: Bragg late of Talbott County Deceased Sworne before me Samuell Withers and Ordered to be Recorded —

Fees Posted & Alphabetted