At a prerogative Court begun and held at the City of Annapolis on the Eleventh day of March 1718 for Probatt of Wills and granting admcons within the Province of Maryland —

Present

The Honble Thomas Bordley Esqr Judge —

Who orders the Doggett of Causes to be called over and proceeded on as follows — Viz.

Geo: Welles adm.r .. } This action according to a former
Stokes and Smithers } rule of this Court being ordered to be struck off which prosecuted this Court.

But his Hon.r the Judge having rec.d a Lettre from the Compltt setting forth the Invalescity of his health and Weakness of his Corp.r is pleased to Order that it be Continued till next Court and not Struck off —

John Burle .. } The Compltt appearing by Mr. John Beard
Hugh Merikin .. } his Proctor in this Cause and prays that a Ptcon may Issue agt. the deft to answer the Libell filed in this Court against him and that it be returnable to Next Court Which by his Hon.r the Judge is Ordered and Issued Imediately —

Hen: Chiseldynes &c } Mr. Dan.l Dulany Proctor for the
Forbes and others .. } Libellant having Moticned to his Hon.r the Judge that there having been several delays in this Cause by means of the Libellees not appearing and that his Comission was granted to take their answer yet nothing was done towards expediting the Cause not so much as the drawing an Answer so that the Libellant could not regularly take out a Comission to examine Witnesses or make any other Step to bring the Cause to a determination — He most Humbly Prays therefore — that his Hon.r would make some rule to expedite in the Cause in a plenary way or that he would please to proceed summarily therein —

Mr. Evan Jones the Proctor for the Libellees having had due Notice of the Proctor for the Libellt his making a Motion in this Cause and refusing to attend the same —

His Hon.r the Judge is Pleased to order that he be served with a Coppy of the said Motion and proceedings thereon and that he be prepared agt. this Court to enter upon a Summary proceeding in this Cause or Shew Sufficient Cause to the Contrary as an Answer to the aforegoing Motion

Which said Motion is accordingly served on him the said Evan Jones who appearing at this Court acknowledges the Service thereof and Shews no reason why this Cause may not be proceeded on Summarily but agrees thereto —

Whereupon his Hon.r the Judge Orders that they come to a Summary hearing on the second Tuesday in May next and that in the Interim either parties may have Cit.ns for what Evidences they please and that the proctor for the Libellant have Notice of this Order which he hath accordingly —