All Benefitt and Advantage of Exception to the Manifold Imperfections of the said Petition Saved and Reserved to this Respondent he Answeretth and Saith that it may be true the Inventory of Hulls Estate in the petition mentioned may be true And the passing of such an Account as therein mentioned may likewise be true But this Respondent Saith that when the petitioner made known to this Respondent And Some Other of his Neighbours his Intentions to proceed against this Respondent in this Hon.ble Court he this Respondent was informed of a certain Writing lodged in the hands of Doctor John March of Kent County which this Respondent has great Reason to believe the petitioner thought was Destroyed for that this Respondent is informed that the petitioner gave Out that if he Could see the said Instrument he would not proceed against this Respondent which Instrument was Freely made between the s.d Joseph Hulle and the said Mary Jordan this Respondents late wife as this Respond.t has been informed the purport whereof is Recited that whereas there was Such a Marriage Intended between the said Joseph Hulle and Mary Jordan And that in Case the said Joseph Hulle Should happen to Die before the said Mary that then she the s.d Mary Should enjoy All that was left her by the said John Jordan (the Inventory of whose Estate Came to About One hundred and Seventy pounds And Hulls Appraisement Role About thirty pounds Short of Jordans) And in Case the said Mary Should first Die that then All that she had or Could Claim should be for the Use of said Hulls Children as by the said Instrument Lodged in this Hon.ble Court more fully and at Large Appears And that the petitioner was so Conscious to himself of the Justice of this Respondents Claims that he has Often Said, that were it not for One paragr.ph this ~~petitioner~~ Respondent believes to be the Foregoing) he would let the petitioner See what he Could Do. And this Respondent Saith that at the Time said Hulle Intermarried w.th the Said Mary Jordan that said Hulle was very much indebt And that said Mary Jordan had a very clear Estate And that this Respondent has heard that the petitioner has given Out in Speeches that he Often Demanded a sight of the s.d Recited Instrument And that if he Could see it he would not further proceed But this Respondent is very well Satisfyed the petitioner knows there was Such an Instrument for that he has given Out that it was Several times in his power to have Burnt it And Seemed to Regrett behind not this Respondent further Saith that he has heard that said Joseph Hulle when lying Sick in his last Sickness was Asked whether or no he would not make a Will to his Answered that he had Nothing to Will And this Respondent further Saith that the said Mary his late Wife when She lay Sick in the year Seventeen hundred and Seventy One was very Desirous to make a Will And Accordingly Did without Any persuasions of this Respondent whereby She bequeathed All She had to this Respondent which Will this Respondent Supposes to be Lodged in this Hon.ble Court And Says to be referred to without that e.t Wherefore this Respondent prays to be hence Dismist with his reasonable Costs and Charges in this behalf most Strongly Sustained e.t

Joshua George Respondent

February Court 1722

19.th 7.br 1722 The foregoing Robert Hutchinson makes Oath on the holy Evangelists that what is Contained in the foregoing Answer as of his Own knowledge is true and true And what of Others he believes to be true before me

Delaney Comr.d

And Day is given to the said parties Complainant and Respondent untill Next Court

At which said Next Court to wit the Ninth Day of October Anno Dn.i 1722 Comes again the said parties Complainant and Respondent by their procuators aforesaid And the said Complainant by his procurators aff.d Offers to the Court here Sundry Exceptions to the Respondents foregoing Answer which are read and followeth in these words Viz.t

The Lib.t of the Libellants said Libell or Complaint is to be paid One Sixth part of his said Deceased Fathers Estate After Deducting the widows thirds Then from the lawfull Interest for the Same Since the Libellants Attain of Age

And to that End the Complaint sets forth that the Libellants Father Luther in the year 1713 or 1714 Died Intestate leaving behind him Your petitioner and five Other Children And his wife Mary that the said Mary afterwards Administred on her husbands Estate And returned an Inventory thereof Amounting to One hundred and Fifty two pounds Six Shillings and Ten pence Current Money And past an Account of the Same Estate Amounting to Nine pounds Money aforesaid

Exception. To which Allegation and Charge the Libellee doth not give in Any Direct Answer Nor Confesses And Avoids or Traverses or Denies the Material points that is to Say Answers not of his knowledge or Belief or Otherways that there was an Inventory returned And Account Exhibited as in the Libell is Expressed But that it may be true the Inventory of Hulls Estate in the petition mentioned may be true And the passing of such an Account as therein mentioned may likewise be true to which Answer in Effect is no more than it may be true or it may not be true And therefore this Libellant Excepts to the said Answer as Imperfect and Uncertain in that particular

The said Libell likewise sets forth that the said Mary the widow and Relict of the said Joseph Hulle Intermarried the said Robert Hutchinson the Respondent As Also sets forth that it does not Appear upon Record that there has been Any Other Account made of the said Deceased Estate But the said Account of Nine pounds Money aforesaid And Moreover sets forth that the said Mary is lately Deceased And likewise sets forth that the Libellant Often Applyed to the said Mary in her life time And likewise to the Respondent husband to the said Mary And the said Mary Desiring

that