his Wife that they be and appear &c to Answer the premisses afs. But the Second Tues-day of October then Next &c

At which said Second Tuesday of October being the Ninth Day of the same Month Anno Dni 1722 and the Day of the Return of the process afs. Comes again the said Mary Cheseldyne by her procurator aforesaid and the Sheriff of St Marys County to whom the same was Directed likewise Comes and makes Return thereof to the Court endorsed Cited & F F Greenfield Sherr

But the said George Forbes and Mary his Wife do not appearing It is Ordered that Attachment Issue against them for their Contempt unless they shall appear during this Court whereupon afterwards in the same Court the said George Forbes and Mary Forbes his Wife by William Cumming Gent their procurator appear and file their Answer to the said petition in the Nature of a plea which follows in these words

The said Respondent by protestation not Confessing or Acknowledging any the Matters or things in the Complainants Complaint Contained, to be true in such Sort and Manner and form as the same are therein and thereby set forth and alledged, for that this Respondent Considers the said Bill of Complaint is Exhibited against this Respondent rather for Vexation and to put this Respondent to unnecessary Charges and Expences in the Law than for any just and lawfull Cause However this Respondent should be otherwise willing to give satisfaction to this Hon.ble Court touching the Suggestions therein Contained Yet for that the said Complainant now is and long before the Day of the Exhibiting the said Complaint of her the said Mary to wit on the twenty Second Day of April last past was married to a Certain Hugh Collins her husband who is still alive and in being at St Marys County Therefore this Respondent doth humbly pray the Judgment of this Hon.ble Court whether he this Defendant shall be compelled to Answer the said Complaint the Complainant being Disabled by the Coverture afs. from Exhibiting the same Complaint in her own name and therefore humbly prays to be hence Dismissed w. Costs

William Cumming Solr for Resp.t

Whereupon the said Cause is Continued unto this Court and the same Day is given to the Libellant and Libellee also at which said this Court to wit the 12.th Day of December Anno Dni 1722 Comes again the said parties Libellant and Libellee by their procurators afs. and all and singular the premisses and pleadings being by their Honours the Judges here seen heard and maturely Deliberated It is Ordered that the said Action abate upon proof made that the petitioner was married at or before the Exhibition of the petition with Cost and the said Cause is thereupon further Continued unto this Court and the same Day is given to the said parties Libellant and Libellee also at which said this Court to wit the 12.th Day of February Anno Dni 1722 Comes again the said parties by their procurators afs. and the said George Forbes and



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Mary Forbes by their procurator afs. files in Court here the following Certificate Viz.

Joyned in the holy State of Matrimony April the Sixth 1722 Hugh Collins and Mary Phippard or Cheseldyne according to the Liturgy of the Church of England Witness my hand this thirty Day of September Anno Dni 1722

John Donaldson

Which being read and heard the same is admitted as sufficient proof by the Court of the petitioners pr. procurator It appearing by the same that the Espousals was Celebrated before the Exhibition of the petition

Thereupon It is And Ordered Sentenced Adjudged and Decreed by their Hon.ds William Holland Thomas Addison and Daniel Dulany Esq.rs Judges this 18 Day of February Anno Dni 1722 That the petition said petition be Dismissed and that the said Mary Cheseldyne pay unto the said George Forbes and Mary Forbes the Sum of pounds of Tobacco by the Court here Adjudged unto them for their Cost and Charges about their Defence in this behalf laid Out and Expended — Justice so requiring — —

X To C Martha Wellman Widdow of Michael Wellman

To J G Thomas Wellman and Joseph Wellman Exr.s of Mich.l Wellman

To the Hon.ble William Holland, Thomas Addison and Daniel Dulany Esq.rs Com.ry Generalls and their Judges for Probat of Wills and granting Administrations for the province of Maryland

The Petition of Martha Wellman of St Mary County the Widdow of Michael Wellman late of the County afs. planter Dec.d

Humbly Sheweth