Honours will make such further Decree therein as to Your Honours great Wisdom shall seem meet

And your Libellant shall pray &c.

Wm Beckingham Libell.

Whereupon the Said Libellant hath his Lordships Writ of Citation to her granted directed to the Sheriff of Prince Georges County commanding him to Cite & Summons the Said Richard Smith & Elizabeth his Wife that they be and appear &c. To Answer the premises &c. Returnable to the Second Tuesday of May then next &c.

All which Said Second Tuesday of May being the tenth Day of the Same Month Anno Dom 1726 and the Day of the return of the Precept aforesd comes again the Said Libellant by her Procurator aforesd and the Sheriff of Prince Georges County aforesd to whom the Said Citation was directed likewise comes & makes return thereof to the Court here Endorsed

Cited & Summ: P Robert Sylor Sheff

Whereupon the Said Richard Smith appears in his proper person & it is Ordered that he file his Answer to the Libellants Said Libell by next Court & thereupon this Cause is continued untill next Court & the Same Day is given to the Libellant & Libellee also &c.

All which Said next Court to wit the Second Tuesday of July being the twelfth Day of the Same Month Anno Dom 1726 aforesd comes again the Said Libellant by her Procurator aforesd but for that the Said Richard Smith & Elizb: his Wife have not filed their Answer to the Libell aforesd it is Ordered that Attachm: Issue against them for want thereof unless Appearance this Court, Afterwards in the Same Court the Said Richard Smith appears and for that he confesses the Libell & the allegations therein It is the Day and Year last mentioned (viz: the 13th Day of July Anno Dom 1726 aforesd) Ordered adjudged Sentenced & Decreed by the Hontble William Holland & Thomas Addison Esqrs: Judges here that the Said Richard Smith & Elizabeth his Wife pay unto the Libellant Dorothy Brooke the Sum of One Hundred & three pounds Eleven pence half penny being her proportionable part of the Ballance due to the Orphans of Roger Brooke & also that they pay unto the Said Libellant the Sum of

1223 pounds of Tobacco allowed of by the Judges here for her reasonable costs & Charges by her the Dorothy Brooke about her Suit in this behalf Said out & expended &c. Justice so requiring &c.

7a Sides

WB 30: May 1726 Elizabeth Brooke — — — vs Richard Smith & Elizb: his Wife Adm:rs of Roger Brooke — — } To the Hon:ble the Justices Generall of the Province of Maryland —

The Libell & complaint of Elizabeth Brooke one of the Daughters & Legatees of Roger Brooke late of Prince Georges County Deceased —

Humbly Sheweth —

That Your Libellants Father Roger Brooke Sometime in the Year Seventeen Hundred and Eighteen died possessed of a very considerable personal Estate whereof his Widow & Relict Elizabeth Brooke obtained the Administration & on the tenth Day of December Anno Dni Seventeen Hundred & Eighteen returned into this Honourable Court an Inventory of the Same amounting to the Sum of Nine Hundred & One ps: Twelve Shillings & Eight pence and on the Eighteenth Day of August Anno Dni Seventeen Hundred & twenty one charged herself with the Worth: Sum of Six Hundred Seventy one pounds Seventeen Shillings & Six pence & passed an Account of the Same Estate whereby there remained a Ballance due to the Orphans of the Said Roger amounting to the Sum of thirteen Hundred Ninety One pounds three Shillings and four pence Current as by the Same Account likewise Registred in this Honourable Court may appear &c. That Your Libellant being Entituled by Law to a proportionable part of the Said Ballance often applied herself to the Said Elizabeth Adm:rx aforesd for the Same as also to Richard Smith of Prince Georges County Gent: who Since the passing the Said Account hath intermarried with the Said Elizabeth Adm:rx aforesd but instead of receiving her Just Claim met with Nothing but insults and gross abuses —

Your Libellant further Sheweth that She hath nothing more to Depend on for a Subsistance but the Ballance due to her from the Said Estate and that the want thereof obligeth her to be beholden to her Freinds & Acquaintance for the common Supports of Life All which being entirely repugnant to the Rules both of Law & Equity Your Libellant humbly prays Your Honours to grant her his Lordships Writ of Citation thereby commanding the Said Richard Smith and Elizabeth his Wife Adm:rx aforesd to be and appear before your Honours in this Honourable Court as well to Answer the premises aforesd as to Shew cause why they do not make a Distribution of the Said Deceds Estate amongst the Orphans and that Your Honours will make Such further Decree therein as to Your Honours great Wisdom Shall Seem meet

And Your Libellant Shall pray &c.

Wm Beckingham Libell.

(Whereupon