Same Day is given to the Libellant & Libellee also.

At which Said next Court to wit the Second Tuesday of April being the 18th Day of the Same Month Anno Dni 1724 Come again the Said Parties Libellant & Libellee by their Procurators aft and it is ordered that Attachm: Issue against William Buckner Attorney in fact as aft for not putting in an Answer to the Libell aft pursuant to a Rule of last Court, which accordingly Issued Returable next Court And thereupon this Cause is continued untill next Court and the Same Day is given to the Libellant & Libellee also.

At which Said next Court to wit the Second Tuesday of June being the 9th Day of the Same Month Anno Dni 1724 and the Day of the return of the Precept aft come again the Said Parties Libellant & Libellee by their Procurators aft and the Sherriff of Baltimore County aft to whom the Same Attachm: was directed likewise comes and makes return thereof to the Court here Endorst Attached Wm Smith Sheriff Balto Cty

Whereupon the aft William Todd the Libellee appears & files his Answer to the Libell aft which was Received & follows in these Words (Viz:)

To the Honourable the Commissarys General

The Answer of William Todd Gent Administrator de bonis non of Thomas Todd late of Baltimore County decead to the Libell and Complaint of Hugh Conn of Prince Georges County Gent

This Respondent protesting that the Libell and the matters therein contained are not Sufficient to Shew the Cause of the Libellants Complaints nor the Certainty of his Demand nor what the Share is which he Libells for nor what the matter of contest is for which he Litigates in this Honrble Court nor that he has done any thing on his part to entitle himself to any Demand against this Libellee for answer thereunto Nevertheless this Respondent Saving and reserving to himself all manner of advantages of Exceptions to the Same Libell and to the Capacity of the Said Libellant to prosecute the Same against this Respondent answereth & Saith that he believes Thomas Todd in the Libell mentioned made the Will therein Set forth and Shortly after dyed and that the Will was proved in June following and this Defendant likewise believes that Inventories were returned as the

Libell



Libell Supposes to the amount of £785 current Money or more but this Respondent further Saith that he verily believes that the personal Estate of the Said Thomas Todd amounted to a much greater Value than the Summ mentioned in the Libell. And this Respondent further Saith that he is a Resident in the Colony of Virginia so far remote from the Decead's Estate that he was forced to commit the chief Care of the Decead's Estate to other persons as particularly to Mr James Phillips Mr Richard Colegate both Decead and Since their Decease to Mr William Buckner so that this Respondent cannot be so particular in his cognisance of the Decead's Estate as otherwise he might have been but Nevertheless he Saith there appears an Inventory returnd to the Office of this Court on his behalf which he verily believes to be all the Decead's Estate that was delivered him by the Libellant or that ever came to his this Respondents hands and denies that he ever concealed any part of the Said Decead's Estate or intended to defraud the Libellant of any part of what was his Right thereto That this Respondent cannot find that ever the Said Libellant or his Wife made up any Account of their Adition of the Decead's Estate nor that they ever returned any lists of Debts tho the Decead was a considerable Trader in Tobacco at the time of his Death and altho this Respondent has heard the Said Libellant acknowledge that he had Received Debts due to the Decead's Estate and this Respondent further Saith that he hath heard and believes that Mr Henry Offley Merchant in London was considerably indebted unto the Said Decead's Estate and has likewise heard and believes that altho the Said Offley was so indebted yet that the Said Libellant or Elizabeth his Wife delivered Sundry Goods or other Effects of the Said Offleys out of his her or their Hands to Mr Thomas Larkin or Some other Attorney of the Said Offley after the Said Offley was Said to be broke to the great loss & prejudice of the Estate and contrary as this Respondent is advised to the Duty of an Adm: that this Respondent hath heard believes and hopes to prove that the Said Libellant or his Wife or both of them had the benefit of three Years Crops made by the Deceased's Hands on his plantations after the Decease of the Testator and that the Said Libellant had the benefit of one or two of them after the Decease of his Wife to which this Respondent is advised he could have no right and that the first Crop ought to be accounted for the Said Libellant being as he is advised made accountable by Act of Assembly in the Same manner as he ought to have been if his Wife had lived that this Respond: is informed by his Agent

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