Libellants by their Procurators aforesaid, And the Sheriff of Dorchester County aft to whom the same Citation was directed likewise comes & makes return thereof endorst

Summoned & James Woolford Sheriff

But the said Thomas Taylor doth not appear, whereupon it is ordered that unless he appear before the end of the ~~and~~ next Provincial Court further process should issue against him, afterwards in the same Court came William Beckingham Gent & prayed his appearance might be entered for the said Thomas Taylor which was accordingly done, and this Cause is continued untill next Court & the same Day is given to the Libellants & Libellee also.

At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of July being the 9th Day of the same Month Anno Dom 1728 come again the said Parties Libellants & Libellee by their Procurators aforesaid, But for that the Libellee hath not put in his Answer to the Libellants said Libell, it is ordered that Attachment issue against him for want thereof, which issued accordingly returnable next Court and this Cause is continued until next Court and the same Day is given to the Libellants & Libellee also.

At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of September being the 10th Day of the same Month Anno Dom 1728 and the Day of the return of the Precept aforesd comes again the said Parties Libellants & Libellee by their Procurators aforesaid and the Sheriff of Dorchester County to whom the same Precept of Attachment was directed likewise comes & makes return thereof endorst

Attached & James Woolford Sheriff

Whereupon it is ordered that unless the said Thomas Taylor the Libellee purge his contempt & file his Answer this Court that process against him be renewed, afterwards in the same Court the said Thomas Taylor appears & pays his contempt and this cause is continued untill next Court, and the same Day is given to the Libellants & Libellee also.

At which said next Court to wit the second Tuesday of November being the 12th Day of the same Month Anno Dom 1728 comes again the said Parties Libellants & Libellee by their Procurators aforesaid and the said Thomas Taylor the Libellee having filed his Answer to the Libell aforesaid the same was received & follows in these Words (viz.t)

Vt: The Answer of Thomas Taylor of Dorchester County Executor of the Testament and Last Will of Dorothy Taylor Late of Dorchester County widow Deced to the Libele and Complaint of Nehemiah Beckwith of Dorchester County Gent and Frances his wife one of the Daughters and Residuary Legatees of the Said Dorothy Taylor

This Libellee saveing and Reserving to him self now & at all times hereafter all Benefit and Advantage of Exception to the manifold Incertainties Insufficiencies & untruths in the Libellants Said Libele contained Protesting Likewise that by Colour and pretext of the Premisses &c he is greatly Vexed & Disquieted & that not Justly for answer nevertheless thereto or to so much thereof as he this Libellee is advised is necessary & Material for him to Answer unto he answereth and saith that true it is (as this Libellee believes) that Dorothy Taylor in the Libellants Pt. Libell mentioned did make her Last Will and Testament in writing and that the said Will was proved in the manner as in the said Libell is set forth but for greater Certainty Refers him self to the Original Will lodged in this Honourable Court, this Libellee likewise admits that after the Death of the said Dorothy Taylor he undertook the burthen of the Execution of her said Will the Executors mentioned in the said Will having before the Proper Officer for Granting the same Administration Renounced their Respective