Respective rights thereto in favour of this Libellee as by the Records of this Honourable Court to which this Libellee prays Leave to Refer him self may appear, But this Libellee denyes that he procured the Said Renunciation in such manner and form as in the Libellants said Libell is most Untruly alleged nor upon any other grounds than that this Libellee Informed the said Executors that the Executorship would be of little service to them the Estate being Indebted to him in a sum Considerably Larger than the appraisement thereof would amount to this Libellee admits that thereafter he Entered into bond according to the Directions of the Act of Assembly Returned an Inventory and an account of his Said Administration Likewise pursuant to the directions of the Said Act by which Said Account now lodged in this Honourable Court it appears that the Estate was very Considerably Indebted to this Libellee and this Libellee further admits that had there Remained a Ballance upon adjusting the said account in his hands he should very readily have paid a proportionable part thereof to the Libellant Nehemiah in right of his wife who was one of the Residuary Legatees but Humbly hopes that it will appear to this Honourable Court that they had no Colour or pretence so unjustly to Vex this Libellee, for that by their own shewing it appears they were appraised that the Estate was Considerably Indebted to him, this Libelle further Answering saith that he hath brought all and singular the goods and Chattles which were of the Said Dorothy and which have come to his sight & knowledge to an appraisement and if any more shall hereafter Come to his hands will Likewise return an Inventory thereof

thereof this Libellee further saith and admits that he past the said account With Mr. Dixon then Regr. of this Honourable Court who this Libellee Apprehended was fully Impowered to settle and adjust the same but for the form and method used by him in taking this Libellee's Oath to the same he Refers him self to the Record thereof Lodged in this Honourable Court and if it shall appear to have been past in the Manner set forth in the said Libell then or otherwise as this Honourable Court shall Direct he is Willing to produce his Respective Vouchers for the articles therein allowed and subject them to the perusal & Judgment of this Honourable Court

This Libellee Admits that a negro Girl was Specifically Bequeathed to Elizabeth the daughter of the Said Libellant Frances and further admits that security was tendered him to refund a Ratable part in Case of Latent Debts but this Libellee further saith that the said security was not tendered til after the said account of his administration was adjusted by the Officer &c and humbly Insists that he was no ways obliged to Discharge any Legacies before the Debts due from the Estate were first satisfied without that that any other matter or thing in the Said Libell Contained material or Effectual in the Law to be answered unto and not herein sufficiently answered unto Confessed & Avoided traversed or denyed is true all which matters this Libellee is ready to Aver maintain & prove as this Honourable Court shall award and humbly prayeth to be hence Dismist with his Reasonable Cost and Charges in this behalf most wrongfully sustained &c

Wm Beckingham for Libellee

Octob.r 22d 1728 Thomas Taylor makes Oath on the holy Evangelists that what is Contained in the aforegoing answer as of his own Act or certain knowledge is true and what is therein alleged of the belief or act of another he believes to be true & what is therein denied is not true to the best of his knowledge

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