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Admit that the said Richard Stevens is since dead, and that this Respondent Rachel had Letters of Administration Granted her on his Estate, and that by Virtue thereof she Possessed herself of the said Two Negroes Jesser and Moll, and these Respondents who have since Intermarried are now in Possession of them and of Two Children only, Born of the said Moll, and these Respondents further insist; that if the said Libellants shall be adjudged to be intitled to any further Part of the Negroes, they could not have Been justified in Paying her therefor, it appearing by her Own showing that she has a Husband who is still living for any thing that appears to the contrary Without that, that any Other matter or thing in the said Libellants Libel Contained, Material or Effectual for these Respondents to make Answer unto, and not herein and hereby well and sufficiently answered unto, Confessed or avoided, traversed or denied is true; All which Matters and things these Respondents are ready to aver maintain and Prove as this Honourable Court shall award, and Humbly Pray to be hence Dismissed with their Reasonable Costs and Charges in this Behalf most Wrongfully sustained

Edward Dorsey

Came Before me the Subscriber one of his Lordships Justices of the Peace for Somerset County Matthew Hemps and Rachel his Wife and made Oath that what is Contained in the this their Answer, as far as concerns their Own Act and Deed, is true of their Own Knowledge, and that what Relates to the Act and Deed of any Other Person or Persons they Believe to be true

Sworn to Before me this Fourteenth Day of February 1745/6

Mitchell Daffield

And thereupon this Cause is Continued untill Next Court, and the same Day is Given to the Libellant and Respondents also

At Which said Next Court to Wit the Second Tuesday of May Being the thirteenth Day of the same Month Anno Dominie 1746 Came again the said Parties Libellant & Respondents by their Procurators aforesaid And thereupon this Cause is Continued Untill Next Court and the same Day is Given to the Libellant and Respondents Also

At Which said Next Court to Wit the second Tuesday of July Being the Eighth Day of the same Month Anno Dominie 1746 Came Again as Well the said Ann Hall by Stephen Bradley her Procurator Aforesaid as the said Matthew Hemps and Rachel his Wife by Edward Dorsey their Procurator Aforesaid, And his Honour the Judge having heard all and Singular the Pleadings and Allegations of Both Parties by their Procurators aforesaid, and Maturely Deliberated thereon Doth Order and Decree and it is On the Day and year Last mentioned to Wit the Eighth Day of July Anno Dominie 1746, Ordered Adjudged Sentenced and Decreed by the Honourable Daniel Dulany Esquire Judge Aforesaid, That so many of the Negroes Bequeathed by Richard Stevens in the Libel mentioned as are Living and their Issue be appraised in Gold Currency by William Stoughton Esq.r Capt.n David Wilson and Mr John



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Dennis or any two of them, And that if any of them the said Negroes be Dead the appraised Value in the Inventory of such be added to the Value of those who are Living and the Whole divided into three Equal Parts Whereof the Libellant to have one Part deducting what she or her Intestate hath already Received Without any Cost on Either Side

Daniel Dulany Cour

Attachment having again Renewed (pt Order) to the Sheriff of Cecil County against John Mullen of Cecil County aforesaid to shew Cause why he Conceals & Withholds the Effects which were of Richard Bureton late of Somerset County Deceased (at the Instance and Request of Thomas Bureton his Administrator with Will annexed) Returnable to this Court

The Sheriff of Cecil County to Whom the same was Directed makes no Return thereof

Nevertheless the said John Mullen appears, and for asmuch as his Examination having Been taken Process aforesaid is Ordered to be Discontinued

Citation having again Renewed (pt Order) to the Sheriff of Calvert County against John Griffin of Calvert County aforesaid Administrator of Abraham Clark Late of this County Deceased to shew Cause why he doth not Bring to an Appraisement fourteen hogs that he killed, seven hogs more, and one Cow Belonging to the said Deceased's Estate also the Deceased's Wearing Apparel (at the request of Thomas Clark in Behalf of Margaret & Susannah Clark Minors and Orphans of the said Deceased) Returnable to this Court

The Sheriff of Calvert County to Whom the same Was directed makes Return thereof Endorsed

Comm. pt
James Somerwell
Sheriff

Whereupon the said John Griffin appears, Nevertheless it is Ordered the Same Stand on the Docquett Continued Untill Next Court

Citation having formerly issued (pt Order) to the Sheriff of Dorchester County against William Cullens of Dorchester County aforesaid Executor of the last Will and Testament of Mark Fisher Late of the County aforesaid Deceased to shew Cause why the Sum of Thirty four Pounds the Whole allowed in the Second Additional Account Past of one Negro man called Tom who died within Twelve Months after the Testators Death should not be Disallowed (at the instance and Request of Francis Mallett who Intermarried with the said Deceased's Only Child) which was Continued untill this Court, and now it is Ordered (that Cas the said William Cullens is dead) the Process aforesaid be Laid abated

Attachment having issued (pt Order) to the Sheriff of Queen Anns County against Mary Ann Powell Ex.x of the last Will and Testament of James Powell Late of Queen Anns County aforesaid Deceased to shew Cause why she doth not take Letters Testamentary on the said Deceased's Will. Returnable to this Court

The Sheriff of Queen Anns County to Whom the same Was directed makes return thereof Endorsed

James Holliday Jun.r Sh.f

But forasmuch as Letters having Been Granted by the Deputy Com.r of Queen Anns County the Process aforesaid is ord.d to be Discontinued