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Negroes and Houshold furniture leaving behind him two Brothers. John and Jeremiah, four Sisters. Ann, Henrietta, Jane and your Libellant Frances. Wife of your Libellant John Medley and his Mother Elizabeth Bacon then living. Your Libellants likewise shew that the said John Smith some time after the Death of the said Richard Smith had Letters of Administration granted him on his said Brother's Personal Estate, had the same Appraised and returned an Inventory or Inventory's thereof. but whether ever he past any Account or Accounts of the said Estate, your Libellants do not know, Your Libellants likewise shew that — after the Death of the said Richard Smith and either before or after the Administration of the Estate of the said Richard Granted to the said John Smith the said Jeremiah and Henretta one of the Brothers and Sisters of the said Richard Smith before they had received any part of their Brother Richard his Estate Departed this Life Intestate. And Your Libellants likewise shew that they conceive and are advised that your Libellant Frances and your Libellant John Medley in Right of his said Wife are intitled to a Seventh part of the Estate of the said Richard Smith the intestate with the rest of the brothers. Sister and Mother of the said Richard and likewise to an equal part of the Seventh part of the share of the said Richard Smith's Estate belonging to the said Jeremiah and Henretta Severally. That your Libellants have often in a friendly manner applied to the said John Smith and acquainted him that they had an equal Right with him and the other brothers and Sisters and Mother of the Deceased Richard Smith to a proportionable part of his Estate, and not only so, but to a proportionable part of the Seventh part of the share of the said Richards Estate that became due to the said Jeremiah and Henretta Severally as af.d and often in a friendly manner — requested him to come to an Account with your Libellants of and concerning the — Estate aforesaid and to pay what was their due thereof with their Share of the aforesaid Negroes in Specie, Yet the said Richard Smith has hitherto refused to come to an Account with your Libellants, altho your Libellants have often times offered to give Security to refund in Case of any Latent Debts appearing. All which actings and doings of the said John Smith Administrator aforesaid are contrary to Equity and good conscience Wherefore your Libellants are obliged to have recourse to Your Honour for Justice to

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be done them in the Premises, To the end therefore that the said John Smith true and perfect answer make to all and singular the Premises as if herein particularly repeated and Interrogated, & that your Honour may compel the said John Smith the Respondent to bring in on Oath a full and compleat Inventory of the said Deceased Richard Smith his Estate that ever come to his hands posession or knowledge and whereof the same consists as part of his Answer, and render a fair Just and final Account thereof. And that thereupon Your Honour will be pleased to make a final Sentence and Decree of what shall be your Libellants distributive share or part of the Estate of the said Richard Smith the Intestate and share of the said Jeremiah and Henretta's their shares thereof and in what Specie and by such your Sentence and decree may compelle the Respondent to pay the same and further to order Sentence and decree what ever other thing may be for your Libellants Relief in the Premises and agreeable to equity and good conscience May it please your Honour to grant your Libellants proper Citation or Citations against the said John Smith to appear before your Honour at your Honours next Court here to answer the Premises and further to abide such Sentence and Decree in the Premises as to your Honour shall seem meet, and Your Libellants shall pray &c.

Sep.r 4. 1748. William Cumming } Libell.ts

Whereupon the said John Medley and Frances his Wife hath his Lordships Writ of Citation to them Granted directed to the Sheriff of S.t Mary's County Commanding him to Cite and Summons the aforesaid John Smith that he be and appear &c. to answer the Premises aforesaid Returnable to the Second Tuesday of September then next

At which said Second Tuesday of September being the thirteenth day of the same Month Anno Domini 1748 and the day of the return of the precept aforesaid Came again the said John Medley and Frances his Wife by William Cumming Esq.r their Procurator But the Sheriff of S.t Mary's County makes no return thereof

Nevertheless this Cause is Continued until next Court

At which said next Court to wit the Second Tuesday of November being the Eighth day of the same Month Anno Domini 1748 Come again the said John Medley and Frances his Wife by their Procurator aforesaid and on motion of the said Procurator it is ordered that the Citation aforesaid be renewed which was renewed and issued accordingly returnable next Court

At which said next Court to wit the Second Tuesday of January being the tenth Day of the same Month Anno Domini 1748 and the day of the return of the Precept aforesaid Came again the said John Medley and Frances his Wife by their Procurator aforesaid, But

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