Respondent till her said Grand Children arrived to age and to make this Respondent Executor of her Will which this Respondent made some Scruples of accepting, and told the said Mary Keene that he was not willing to be any way concerned with her Negroes and Estate, but the said Mary Keene repeated her request to this Respondent to accept of her proposal and to write her Will for her, telling this Respondent her Grand Children in case he did not would never be the better for her Negroes for that her Son William had very lately three Negroes taken from him for Debts which he treated by Drinking and other Extravagancies, and that her said Son William then owed Debts to the value of One Hundred pounds which he had treated by Drinking, Whereupon this Respondent Received directions from the said Mary Keene for drawing her last Will and Testament, and agreeable to the said directions this Respondent did write a paper or Draught of a Will for the said Mary Keene to Execute as her last Will and Testament which said Paper or Draught of a Will was drawn exactly agreeable to the directions given him by the said Mary Keene and the same was distinctly read over to the said Mary by a certain Thomas Murphy of Dorchester County and she approved of the same, and in the presence of the said Thomas Murphy Richard Gadd and Thomas Woolin the said Mary Keene Signed and Sealed the said Paper or Draught of a Will, and in their presence declared the same to be her last Will and Testament, and the said Witnesses Signed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Mary Keene and at her request, as by the said Wile now produced with this Respondents answer into this Honourable Court and which he prays may be taken as part thereof, may more fully appear, And this Respondent further saith that about two days after the Execution of the said Will as aforesaid the said Mary Keene sent again for this Respondent from his own House and when he came to her she told him she wanted to make an alteration in her Will in one particular only and that was to set her Negroe Woman Hannah free, and desired this Respondent to write another Will with no other alteration than setting free the said Negro Woman Hannah, and this Respondent saith, that he this Respondent at that

time not having the said Mary Keenes Will so as aforesaid made, with him having left the same at his own house, set down and wrote another Will the same in Substance with her said former Will with this difference only that in the last Will the said Negro Woman Hannah was left free and in the former Will she was given to this Respondent till Molly Keene the said Mary Keenes Grand Daughter came to the age of Sixteen and then to be delivered to her as may more fully appear by comparing of the said two Wills. And this Respondent further saith that before the Execution of the said last Will by the said Mary Keene he was a going to read the whole to her but many People coming in this Respondent for to save trouble said in the presence of the said Mary Keene and the Witnesses to the Will that he would begin at the giving part And this Respondent well remembers that he read every clause of bequest therein as distinctly as he was able except that Clause in which this Respondent was named Executor which this Respondent hath heard some Persons say he did not read but this Respondent doth absolutely declare, that if he did omit to read the said Clause he did omit to read the same designedly but that it was through inadvertency, for that he this Respondent would not have accepted of the Executorship and bequest in the said Mary Keenes Will if she had not earnestly intreated him so to do. And this Respondent further Saith that he well remembers that the Libellant Mary & Wm Travers of Dorchester County before the Execution of the said last Will said to the said Mary Keene that the Negroes were not given to her Children and their heirs and that if one of her Children should happen to die the other of her Children would not have the Deceased Child Negroe to which the said Mary Keene the Testatrix said if it would be so Brother Zebulun, meaning this Respondent, could alter it to which this Respondent said as the truth was, that there was no more Paper on the Plantation and further that he believes if it was interlind the Will would not be good and the said Mary Keene then freely and readily Signed and Sealed the said Will as it was, and did at the same time Publish and declare her said last Will now remaining in this Honourable Court as and for her last Will and Testament willingly and freely without any intreaty persuasion or force used or offered by this Respondent or any other person