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That true it is Edward Hall your Respondents Husband died on or about the seventeenth Day of June last past leaving the Libellants Mary and Elizabeth his Sisters and this Respondent his Widow the only Legal Representatives of the said Deceased seized and possessed of sundry Lands and Tenements and other possessions of Personal Estate to a Considerable Value — But whether the said Edward was seized of the Lands Granted in Fee Simple or for Life this Respondent doth not certainly know.

And this Respondent doth admit that some time in the Winter two Years last the thanks or the Month of February the said Edward Hall accidentally fell from his Horse and received a Hurt in the Head and otherwise greatly bruised and wounded but not so much as to deprive him of the use of his Reason And this Respondent doth admit that the said Edward Hall deceased some time in the Summer after the Fall from his Horse had several Fits but for how long the same were not recollected entirely by this Fall but from all or some measure by immoderate drinking of Spirituous Liquors to which he was much addicted And this Respondent further answering saith that sometime about the first of August in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Sixty two this Respondent went with her deceased Husband to her Fathers where she died and he went some Miles further to the House

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of Mr James Bissell where he staid till the Evening and the next Day Mr Bissell came to her Fathers and brought with him the Paper herewith lodged Marked No. 1 not Signed and the same was afterwards executed as she Believes in the Presence of four Witnesses in the same House where this Respondent and many others were but this Respondent doth deny that she ever made use of any undue means to obtain the same Will, it being the Voluntary act of her deceased Husband without any such reiterated undue persuasions and Solicitations of this Respondent as are falsely set forth in the Libel aforesaid — after the Execution of which said Will the same was delivered to James Philips this Respondents Father to be safely Kept and was never delivered to this Respondent till since her Husbands Death — And this Respondent further answering saith that some time last Winter as she hath been informed her deceased Husband being up at John Halls of Cranberry was induced by some means or other to make and execute a Writing purporting to be his last Will and Testament but how or in what manner he devised his Real or Personal Estate she doth not certainly know, but hath heard that he was greatly in Liquor when he signed the same — neither doth this Respondent certainly know in whose hands or Custody the Paper last aforesaid now is but she believes in the Custody or Power of John Hall of Cranberry above mentioned — And this Respondent saith that some time