early in the Month of June last past at her deceased Husbands Request She sent for one Ralph Smith a Gentleman as She apprehends of fair Character to write his Will her said Husband having frequently repeated his desire that some Person might be sent for, as he was apprehensive of growing worse and said he believed that he should not live long and after the said Ralph Smith he came he sat down and wrote the Will now proved before the Deputy Commissary of Baltimore County as the same was dictated by her Husband himself and after he had finished writing the same Will was several Times read Paragraph by Paragraph and to the said Edward Hall declared his approbation thereof. And this Respondent doth believe notwithstanding his then weak Condition that he the said Edward Hall was of sound perfect and disposing Mind and Memory and did depart this Life till the fourteenth Day of June last past thirteen Days after executing his last Will and Testament as aforesaid and in the intermediate Time between executing his Will and the Day of his Death the Deceased settled several Accounts and particularly one with the Libellant Samuel Lee and was in all appearance at times in his Senses. And this Respondent further saith that the Deceased making his Mark was occasioned by a Paralytic disorder or Weakness in his Hands and not by any defect of memory or understanding And this Respondent doth deny

that her Husband was induced by any Sly Arts seeming tenderness or female Persuasions to make and execute his last Will as aforesaid the same having been dictated by himself and proceeding from his own inclination and desire to make a Will And this Respondent doth admit that the same last Will hath been proved before the Deputy Commissary about the time in the Libell set forth by the Witnesses to the same and this Respondent doth admit that She hath possessed herself of the Real and Personal Estate of her deceased Husband and humbly hopes she may shall be permitted to retain the same and have Letters Testamentary granted to her on the Will aforesaid. And this Respondent doth deny all and all manner of unlawful confederacy and combination in the Libell aforesaid charged without that there is any other matter or thing material or necessary for the Defendant to make Answer unto and not herein and hereby well and sufficiently answered unto confessed or avoided traversed or denyed is true all which this Respondent is ready to aver and prove as this Honourable Court shall award and humbly prays to be hence dismissed with her reasonable Costs in this behalf most wrongfully sustained

Edward Hall Respondent

13th July 1763 Then Came Sarah Hall before me the Subscriber one of his Lordships Justices of the Peace for Anne Arundel County and made Oath on the holy Evangels that the