makes Return thereof Endorsed Attached. Nevertheless the said Elizabeth Dorman does not appear but it being Signified to the Commissary General by George Martin Esq.r Sheriff of Worcester County aforesaid that the aforesaid Elizabeth Dorman is so Ancient and infirm as renders her quite incapable of attending this Court and also that She is so very poor that She has not to the value of five Shillings. Whereupon it is Ordered by the Commissary General that this Cause be Struck off.

Attachment having issued to the Sheriff of Worcester County returnable to this Court against Michael Godwin Executor of Cezar Godwin late of Worcester County deceased as well for his Contempt in not obeying the former Process of this Court as also to shew Cause why he does not take Letters Testamentary on the aforesaid Deceased's Estate. The Sheriff to whom the aforesaid Process was directed makes Return thereof Endorsed N.E. whereupon it is Ordered that this Process be removed.

Attachment having issued to the Sheriff of Worcester County returnable to this Court against Samuel Hopkins Executor of Samuel Hopkins late of Worcester County deceased as well for his Contempt in not obeying the former Process of this Court as also to shew Cause why he does not take Letters Testamentary on said deceased's Estate. The Sheriff to whom the aforesaid Process was directed makes Return thereof Endorsed Attached. Nevertheless the said Samuel Hopkins does not appear but makes return to this Court by the following Depositions

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and Sarah his Wife who is Daughter to Samuel Hopkins the Elder and Sister to the said Samuel that is now called before Him to Answer for his not Administring on his Fathers Estate, They being first Sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, Each on Oath says. That Samuel Hopkins the Elder did not a Servant or Slave to assist him or to labour for him, nor no living Person on his Plantation, but lived by himself, his Estate being small and must have broke up living keeping the not the present Samuel (who never married) did his Eldest Child taken on him to maintain his Father and take Care of him Old Latin, and make him Drink, He had no Stock of any kind, Hogs, Cows or Hogs, but what his Son found for him, and for his Care and Service the old Gentleman gave him his Plantation whereon he lived (a poor Spot) he being a Diligent and Care taking Person got their Living, but in a poor Manner and the said Richard Ayres further says that when he was about to Marry to his Daughter he thought it his Duty to ask the consent of the old Gentleman whose Answer was that he was very willing to the Match but could give any Estate nor the least thing towards their house keeping, but he would give them a small Piece Land which Do. about Twenty Acres. And these Deponents further saith not.

Richard Ayres
Sarah Ayres

And the Commissary General having considered the Premises Orders that this Cause be discharged the said Samuel Hopkins paying Fees.