are not of their or either of their respective hand Writing he the said John Hanson
the Son did pretend and Allege that the Names of the said John Hanson,
Henry Hawkins and Samuel Hanson and Francis Ware as Subscribed thereto
were of their proper hand Writing respectively and that the same was and
might be well and sufficiently proved from a similitude and by Comparison
of their hand Writings the said Henry Hawkins Samuel Hanson and Francis
Ware being then Dead Notwithstanding as Your Libellants do Allege there
was no particular Friendship, Intimacy or Familiarity between the aforesd
John Hanson the pretended Testator, and the aforesaid Francis Ware the
pretended Witness and in whose Custody and keeping the same Writing was
pretended to have been Left, and Upon the false Allegations aforesaid of the
aforesaid John Hanson, the Son, or by some other Undue Means the aforesaid John
Hanson the Son, without even Calling on Your Libellants or Obtaining the Sentence
of this Honourable Court hath so far prevailed as to have the same Writing Accepted
into this Honble Court, as and for the Will of his said deceased Father and on or about
the 27th day of September Seventeen Hundred and Sixty four, had Letters
Testamentary Granted to him thereon as by the same Writing on remaining in this
Honourable Court, and the Records of this Honourable Court may Appear —
Your Libellants shew further, to Your Honour, that the aforesaid Testament,
and last Will of the aforesaid John Hanson, deceased made and Dated on or
about the Third day of April One Thousand Seven Hundred and forty four, was
Exhibited by William Hagan One of the Executors therein Named to Daniel
Jenifer, Your Deputy Commissary of Charles County in whose Custody the same
now is or Lately was Your Libellants likewise shew to Your Honour, that the
said John Hanson, Your Libellants pretended father, had at the time of his Death,
a Considerable Clear personal Estate Over, and above Sufficient, to Satisfy &
pay all his Debts funeral Expenses and Legacies given and bequeathed by him,
and that Your Libellants are Intitled to one fourth part of the Distributable
Balance thereof in right of Representation as Children of their said Mother
Mary Daughter of said John Hanson, deceased. Wherefore and forasmuch as Your
Libellants are only and properly Relievable in this Honourable Court, where
pretended Testaments are to be made and may be Compelled and which, the pretended
and only Judicature to Sentence and Determine Concerning the Execution of
Testaments — Your Libellants therefore Humbly pray that the aforesaid
John Hanson, the Son and all and each, and every the other Legatees in the said
pretended Testament Named that is to say the aforesaid Theodore Wheeler,

and William Hagan and Eleanor his
and Elizabeth his Wife, may on their respective Corporal Oath, true
Distinct and pregnant Answer make and give to all and every the Matters
herein before Alledged and that as fully as if the same were herein Repeated
and Interrogated and more Especially that they and each of them may on
their respective Corporal Oath, set forth, and discover whether the said
John Hanson the Son was not Advanced and how by his father, the aforesaid
John Hanson deceased in his Lifetime whether the said John Hanson
Deceased did make and Execute such Testament and last Will wherein
before Alledged to be by him made on or about the third day of April
One Thousand seven Hundred and Sixty four, or some other, and what —
Testament about that time whether the same Came afterwards to the
hands Possession or Custody of them or either, and which of them and if the
same came to their hands possession or Custody what is become thereof
and that the same be produced to and lodged in this Court whether the same
Testament was not kept by the said Testator, among of his papers of Consequence
till his Death, or how otherwise and where was the same kept, and where &
when and how and by whom was the same first discovered after the Death of
the said Testator and when did he die whether the said John Hanson the
Son did make such Proposals or Request as Alledged or any other proposal
or Request to the Widow of the aforesaid John Hanson, deceased and
the aforesaid Francis Gutrich, or either of them to destroy or in any manner
to Secrete the said Testament and whether there was any and what
Conversation to any such purpose. Where when and by whom was the said
paper Dated on or about the fifth day of June One Thousand Seven
Hundred and Sixty Seven first discovered when and by whom had they
respectively first Notice thereof was the Desk drawer, Box or other thing
in which the same was pretended to be first discovered as Usually kept,
locked or was the same usually Open was there any particular Familiarity
Friendship, or Intimacy between the aforesaid John Hanson deceased
and the aforesaid Francis Ware deceased Are the said Henry Hawkins
Samuel Hanson and Francis Ware Dead and when did they respectively die
whether the said John Hanson, deceased had such Children as Alledged whether
the aforesaid Mary the Mother of Your Libellants did not die before
her said Father, and whether Your Libellants are not the Children of the
aforesaid Mary Daughter of the said John Hanson, the deceased as
Alledged and that the said Testament Dated on or about the third day