other pregnant Circumstances that the Names John Hanson Subscribed as Testator & the Names Henry Hawkins, Samuel Hanson and Francis Ware Subscribed as Witnesses are Really the hand Writings of the said several persons Respectively the said John Hanson as Testator or maker and publisher of the said last Will and Testament, and the others as Witnesses thereto. Of the truth of which facts many Depositions have been Already taken on the former Dispute between the said William Hagan and this Defendant, and otherwise which, are now upon Record in this Honourable Court to which, this Respondent Craves leave for Greater Certainty to Refer.

And this Respondent saith, that he doth not know whether the Desk Drawer wherein the last Will aforesaid Usually Remained was kept locked or not but, hath been Informed by Capt. Ware that the same Drawer Contained the most Valuable papers Relative to Titles of Land, and other things belonging to the said Francis Ware deceased Neither Do this Respondent know of any particular Intimacy between the said Francis Ware the Witness and the said John Hanson the Testator, more than that they Lived within a few Miles of each other, had no Misunderstanding and were Acquainted and this Respondent saith, that Henry Hawkins and Samuel Hanson two of the Witnesses to the said Will Dyed before the Testator upwards of Twelve Months to the best of his Knowledge and belief and Francis Ware the other Witness the very Next day after. And this Respondent further saith, that true it is there was a Balance of the Estate of the said John Hanson deceased after paying debts funeral Expences Legacies and other Disbursements as may appear by the Account thereof Stated and returned into this Honourable Court which, Distributable Balance he hath, well and truly as he apprehends paid and satisfyed in manner following To William Clements, Father, and Next Friend or Natural Guardian of the said Elizabeth, Bethiah, Henrietta Edward William, Mary and Mary Anne their Respective Shares and hath, also paid the said William Clements the Father, the Share or Distributable portion due to Oswald Clements by Virtue of a Note in Writing or Order from him the said Oswald, and to the said Kenneth Hanson Clements he hath, paid his proportion or Distributable part and Hath, his Receipt for the same Without that that any other, matter, or thing Material or necessary for this Respondent to make Answer unto and not herein and hereby Well and Sufficiently Answered unto Confessed or avoided Traversed or Denyed is true All which, matters and things this Respondent is ready to

aver, Maintain and prove as this Honourable Court shall Award and Humbly prays to be hence dismissed with his Reasonable Costs in this behalf most Wrongfully Sustained.

John Rice Respondent

9th March 1762. Then came John Hanson before me the Subscriber, one of his Lordship's Justices of the Provincial Court the above Named Respondent John Hanson, and made Oath, on the Holy Evangels that the several facts in this Answer, set forth, as Matters of his Own Knowledge are true those he hath, Denyed to be true are not true and those he hath, Admitted or Denyed as Matters of Belief are true or false Respectively According to the best of his Knowledge — Jos. Rice —

But Mr. Leonard Wheeler and Wife and William Hagan and Wife Not having filed their Answer, to the Libel aforesaid it is now Ordered that a Citation be issued directed to the Sheriff of Prince George's County against the aforesaid Leonard Wheeler and Wife Commanding him to Cite and Summon the aforesaid Leonard Wheeler and Wife that they be and Appear at Our Prerogative Court to be held at the City of Annapolis to Answer the premises aforesaid and it is Also Ordered that a Citation be issued Directed to the Sheriff of Charles County Commanding him to Cite and Summon the aforesaid William Hagan and Wife that they be and Appear at Our Prerogative Court to be held at the City of Annapolis to Answer the premises aforesaid returnable to Next Court being the Second Tuesday of May Next and the same day is given to the Libellants and Respondents Also. At which said Next Court to Wit the Second Tuesday of May being the 11th Days of the same Month and Year Anno Domini 1762 Came again the said parties Libellants and Respondents which was Mr. John Hanson and Also the Sheriff of Prince George's County to whom the process aforesaid against the aforesaid Leonard Wheeler and Wife issued and made Return thereof Indorsed Summoned & John Rowe the and the Sheriff of Charles County to whom the process aforesaid against the aforesaid William Hagan and Wife issued and made Return thereof Indorsed Summoned Hagan but Not his Wife & Allen Davis Sheriff Nevertheless the said Leonard Wheeler and Wife and William Hagan and his Wife does not Appear — Whereupon Attachments are Ordered and directed to Sheriffs of Chas. and Prince George's Counties Commanding them to Attach, the Bodies