the said Colt Robt Hanson, Walter Hanson and this Deponent Signed their respective Names thereto as Witnesses to the said John Hanson standing by and observing the said Witnesses while Signing as aforesaid which, after being accomplished as aforesaid the said John Hanson took up, and Carried away with him and after the Death of the said John Hanson this Deponent saw the same Original paper in the Commissary Office in Annapolis and then together with Walter Hanson (Robt Hanson the first Witness thereto being then dead) proved the same there as the Will of the said John Hanson deceased and further saith not

Sworn 29th March 1763 — Francis Adamson Jr

before Bordley C. G.

The further Deposition of William Hagan this Deponent saith that Deponent Understanding that the Will of John Hanson deceased was lodged in the Commissary Office and having Occasion of it came up to Annapolis and Applied to them then Register for it who Said he would not part with the Original Will for fifty pounds but would soon send him a Copy thereof and some time after this Deponent Accordingly Recd from Annapolis Inclosed by the Register the paper now produced and Marked No 8 as a Copy of the said Will pursuant to the said promise and further saith not

Sworn the 29th March 1763 — Wm Hagan

before Bordley C. G.

The Deposition of Samuel Hanson Junr Deponent saith that he was about 16 Years of Age when his Father Samuel Hanson died and that the Name S. Hanson to the paper Called the Will of John Hanson and now produced does not look like his Fathers hand Writing having never seen any so Badly Write and so that Signing but saith that he was Sometimes Afflicted with the Gout in his right hand at which times this Deponent hath seen him Write with his Left hand but whether as that Signing or better or Worse he doth not Remember and further saith not

Sworn 29th March 1763 — S Hanson Junr

before Bordley C. G.

The Deposition of John Brooke this Deponent saith that in the Year 1747 he did see Henry Hawkins Samuel Hanson and Francis Ware whose Names are Set as Witnesses to the paper now produced and said to be the Will of John Hanson Deceased in Company with the said John Hanson in a Room at the House of the said Francis

Ware but never either before or since that he Remembers nor doth he Remember the Particular time of the Year he saw them together as aforesaid further than that it was some time in the Summer and he thinks in the latter end of that Summer and near Evening at which time the said Francis Ware told this Deponent to come in and took like a Drink of punch and handed him the Bowl and bid him sit down by the fire and that they were about some private Business and this Deponent saith that he saw them Successively doing something to a paper that lay upon a table before them and having done their Business they came into the Room where Deponent was and where the Chairs were standing near a back the fire and then Major Samd Hanson took this Deponent by the hand and proposed a Dance which was Accordingly performed between them but as to any Will this Deponent knows Nothing and further saith not

Sworn 29th March 1763 — Jno Brooke Jr mark

before Bordley C. G.

And the Procurator for the Prosecution files the following Deposition.

Charles County fs. March 25th 1763 Came Mary Manning before me the Subscriber one of his Lordships Justices for said County and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists that she is So Old and Infirm by a fall she had some Years ago & pains in her Limbs that she does not not think she could either Ride or walk to Annapolis without great Danger of her life taken and Sworn to before

J Hawkins

Whereupon Commission Issued to the Deputy Commissary of Charles County Impowering him to take the Deposition of Mary Manning which said Commission Issued in these Words.

Maryland fs.

Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c &c

To Mr Daniel Jenifer Gent. Deputy Commissary of Charles County

Greeting Know ye that I have Appointed you my Commissioner to examine Mary Manning as a Witness in a Cause depending in the Prerogative Court between John Hanson and William Clements

Therefore hereby Require you that at Such time and place as to you shall seem Convenient you Cause to come before you the aforesaid Mary Manning and that Examine her on her Corporal Oath to be by you Administered