30 Years or thereabouts being duly sworn deposeth and saith The Revd. John Urquhart having a tract of Land which run into the Land of this Deponent this Deponent although his own Tract was clear not choosing to go to Law to try Titles he offered to purchase the whole of Mr. Urquhart Mr. Urquhart said that he would sell that and all the Lands he had in St Marys County Mr. Hopewell told him that he did not want any of his Land but that Tract Mr. Urquhart then said he did not want to lessen any Quantity of Land he then had but as soon he could purchase that Quantity of Land in Frederick County Contiguous to the Lands he then had in Frederick County Mr. Hopewell then asked him for the price of the Land Mr. Urquhart replied he could not tell his Price for that Land until he made his Purchase in Frederick. Mr. Hopewell then said to him supposing you was to die before the Purchase of the Land in Frederick (and your Conveyance of the aforesaid Tract of Land adjoining to Mr. Hopewells) how he should get a Title to that Tract of Land Mr. Urquhart then said if I die I will leave it in my Will that you shall have it at such a Price, which he was to mention in his Will, which Price Mr. Hopewell did not think himself bound to agree to unless he pleased, This Deponent further saith that he never saw Mr. John Urquhart Write, but recond several of his Letters and that the Letter Marked No. 1 he believes to be the Hand Writing of Rd. John Urquhart from the Similitude between the several Writings, and that the Letters No. 2 he believes to be wrote by the same Person that wrote the Letter No. 1 and for the same reasons — And this Deponent saith that the Indorsement on both the above Letters No. 1 & 2 were not Wrote by John Urquhart

(Sworn)

and further saith not Hugh Hopewell

Octobr. the 4th 1765 taken in Court before Elie Nalette Register

The Deposition of Samuel Abel of St Marys County aged 30 Years or thereabouts being duly sworn deposes and saith, that he was for 10 Years before the Death of the Revd. Mr. Urquhart acquainted with his Hand Writing and that the Letters now produced Mark No. 1 & No. 2 he does believe to be the Hand Writing of the Sd. Rd. John Urquhart and that the Sd. Mr. Urquhart in some of his Writings did cross and in other Writings did not cross his Letters t. and that the Exhibit Mark No. 3 and lodged in this Court is wholly wrote by the Revd. John Urquhart in his own Hand Writing

and further saith not Sam Abell Junr.

October the 4th 1765 Sworn in open Court before Elie Nalette Regr.

And at the request of the Procurator for the Respondent it was Ordered that Stourton Edwards who is present in Court be sworn on the Holy Evangels to Declare his knowledge of the Substance & Purport of the Will of said John Urquhart which is lost or mislaid as aft. And his Deposition being taken follows in these Words Viz.

The Deposition of Stourton Edwards of St Marys County aged 40 Years or thereabouts being duly sworn deposeth and saith that a Paper purporting to be the Will of the Revd. John Urquhart was produced to him this Deponent being Attorney of said County and remembers the same to have been endorsed with the Initial Letters J. U. and the Word Will, wrote as this Deponent believes by Mr. Mercer Lock with whose Hand Writing he was well acquainted, And that upon showing him Sd. Mercer Lock Sd. Will and asking if he had made said Endorsements, he made Answer that he had wrote the same, And this Deponent further saith that he read the Sd. Will and remembers the Substance thereof to be as follows

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