was seeing her a good deal uneasy asked her the reason. she s.d
her Son was going to bring a wife home and God knows what sort
of a woman she might be, but hoped she might be a Good woman
She was very regular in going to bed about prime of Dark. if
she heard any noise in the Sellar or rooms where Valuable things
where would call on some body to go and See who was there. was
Careful that the Servants Should Sleep at home. and on an
Information that Andrew Crub who was a Servant in the House
Slept out She provided herself w.th a Stick and watched an opportunity
of Catching him in the Back and there Struck him and Told him
she would make him Sleep at Home and not with Loud woman abroad
Sworn to this Twelfth July 1764 Isaac Vanbebber
Before Gideon McAuley Reg.d

(Begin in fol. 343 at the Words The Deposition)

Isaac Vanbebber deposeth on oath that he has known Mrs Elliott
upwards of 10 years the last 5 or 6 years of which he has Boarded
Constantly in the family during his residence in the County and
from what fell under his knowledge and observation always thought
her to be a woman Indued with reason memory and Understanding
Sufficient for the Common Departments of Life nor did he ever
think her Irregular or Insane whilst she had health or strength
to go about the House. as for the Time of her Illness Whilst Confined
to her bed in her different Sickneses he not being concerned with
her at Such Times. he knoweth not what Capacity she might then
have. and the said Isaac further deposeth and giveth the following
reason for his believing her to be of Sound Mind reason and under-
standing Viz.t ——— about 2 or 3 years ago after some
previous Spells of Sickness she was taken Sick so that the Physician was
thought necessary I the Deponent asked why they did not apply to
Doctor Blackwell, the then only Doctor in Town: Thos. Elliott deceased
then answered he had proposed sending to him. but she utterly refused
any thing that would come from him and said if he would not send
for Doctor Sparrow she would take nothing from any body Else
Accordingly Sparrow was sent for and Visited her she recovered and
(from)

what ever after Fell under my Knowledge Seemed rationable and Sensible
Carefull in her Domestick affairs and at times more Susceptable of
Passion her Bodily Strength daily Increasing and failing of utterance in
speech ——

(Begin in fo. 343 at the Words In November)

The Deposition of Francis Rock a person of full age being
first duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God ——— I the deponent
have had the opportunity to be acquainted with the family of the late
Mrs Elliott about Six years and as my residence is about three Miles
distant from Charles Town I could not have the opportunity so
frequent as some others to know the manner and Behaviour of the said
Mrs Elliott relative to her Capacity of reason and abilities I have
frequently when in Charles Town Dined at the House with Company and
at Some Times I have known her to be very Industrious in giving direction
in the Domestick affairs as I thought very much in reason and did
never think her Incapable so to do in or near the month of December last
I remember particularly well that I went into the House and Mrs Elliott
asked me how my Brother Joseph Rock was. and if his arm was getting better
as he had had the Misfortune to break it some time before near the
Said House which was set by Doctor Moore in the said House which
Question gives me Just reason to believe she was then in her proper
Senses. Relative to the affair of my Brother Joseph Rock who was one
of the Witnesses to said Will in dispute. Mr. John Aldrich came to
my House (where my Brother was Lying and Labouring under the
Misfortune aforesaid who is since dead of the same) in order to that
the Deputy Commissary to Take his Testimony relative to proving the said
Will of Mrs Elliott ——— Joseph Rock through the anguish he was
then labouring under which I apprehend made him delirious of mind
and thereby could not give a true Testimony at the time as he afterwards
declared to me and others and he further declared that at the time the
said Mrs Elliott executed her Will she was as much in her right Mind
and Senses as he ever knew her to be and further this deponent saith
that heard his Brother Joseph Rock say he was so Teized by John
Aldrich before the Deputy Commissary Came that he did do know —
what he said and further this Deponent saith not ——— Francis Rock
Sworn before me this 15.th day of July 1764
Gideon McAuley Reg.