granted to him. This Respondent doth deny that he hath ever possessed himself of any of the goods & chattels of the Deceased. This Respondent doth admit that he hath received the Sum of £61. Ster.g Curr.y since the Decease of the Joseph Daps and no more from Mrs. Ann Daps Widow of the Deceased & which Sum he hath Credited on the Back of the Said Bond passed by the Said Deceased to this Respondent.

This Respondent absolutely denies all or any Manner of Fraud in the obtaining the Letters of admon granted him as aft.d & as the Said Will is not only illegal but set on foot with a design to prevent this Respondent of his Just Claim Humbly pray &c. Honour That his Letters of admon aft.d may be confirmed and the Libel dismissed with his reasonable Costs in this behalf most wrongfully sustained

On the 15 Novemb.r 1764 — Then came Charles Carrick the above named Respondent before me the Subscriber one of his Lordships Justices of the Peace for Ann Arundel County and made Oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that the several facts in this Answer set forth as matters of his own knowledge are true, those he hath denied to be true are not true and those he hath admitted or Denied as Matters of Belief are true or false respectively according to the best of his knowledge

John Burgess Jun.r

And this cause was Continued to next Court.

At which Said next Court to wit the 12th Day of January 1765 — Came again the Said Parties Libellant & Respondent by their Procurators aft.d And this Cause is continued unto next Court.

At which Said next Court to wit the 12th day of March 1765 Come again the Said Parties Libellant & Respondent by their Procurators aforesaid And this Cause is Cont.d unto next Court —

At which Said next Court to wit the 14th May 1765 — Come again the Said Parties Libellant & Respondent by their Procurators aft.d And the Said Respondent by his Procurator

aft.d

aft.d prays that the Libellant Enter Security for Costs of Suit in Case he Should be cast and Judgment begiven against him, Whereupon a Certain Henry Dafter present here in Court Enters his Security accordingly. And this Cause is continued unto the next Court —

At which Said next Court to wit the 9th Day of July 1765 — came again the parties aft.d by their Procurators aft.d — And this Cause was by Several adjournments continued to the 8th day of October next — At which Said 8th day of October Anno Domini 1765 — Came again the parties aft.d by their Procurators aft.d and on their Prayer it is Ruled that a hearing be had the 17th day of October instant and that both parties be at liberty to take out Such Summons as they shall think proper for any witness, that may be wanting on the Tryal of this Cause — and ordered that Henry Reynolds & Sarah Reynolds make their appearance then to prove the Will of Jos. Daps.

At which Said 17th day of October come again the Said Parties Libellant & Respondent by their Procurators aft.d and the Said Libellant prays that the Deposition of his Witnesses may be taken which is granted him, which Deposition follows in these Words viz.t

The affirmation of Henry Reynolds Son of William of Perry.s.a one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the Will of Jos. Daps aged 20 years or thereabouts being duly examined affirmeth and Saith that some Time before Joseph Daps Death that he this affirmant was Called upon by said Joseph Daps the Testator to Sign his last Will and Testament upon which this affirmant came and did See the aforesaid Joseph Daps the Testator Seal the Said Will and heard him acknowledge it to be his last Will and Testament and this affirmant further Saith that in the Body of the Will were it appears to be Scratched Was done by the order of the Said Joseph Daps which at first the Name of Joseph Reynolds who was then dead was inserted and then he the aforesaid Testator desired that William Reynolds should be put in stead which was done accordingly in the presence of the Testator And this affirmant further Saith that the Scratch at the foot of the Will was likewise done at the Instance

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