in a Matter now depending in Question in this Court between William Reynolds Libellant and Charles Orrick Respondent Deposeth and Saith That he was very well acquainted with the deceased Joseph Bafs and with his Circumstances being a near Neighbour of the Deceased, that he knew the Widow Bafs to have been possessed of Seven Negroes at the Time of this Deponents moving in her Neighbourhood and a Stock of Horses Cattle Sheep &c But of all which there is now nothing remaining except four head of Cattle one hog and some few Sheep but how they were disposed he knows not except a Negro Woman called Bett for which this Deponent saw early last Spring or Winter a Bond executed by William Rousland of Seventy Pounds Curr.t Money payable to Henry Baker for the said Negro Woman Bett — This Deponent further Saith that he saw Jacob Reynolds Son of William Reynolds come to the Dwelling house of Said Bafs and there out did carry away Sundry Goods belonging to the Said Bafs deceased his Estate leaving only one Chest of Drawers and an old Chest — This Deponent further Saith that two of the Seven Negroes aft.d are now in the possession of John McCoy likewise a piece of Manor Land which was the Estate of S.d Bafs and at this Time in the possession of the Said McCoy and occupied by him; And further Saith that Ann Bafs the Widow of Said Joseph Bafs hath demanded of Wm Reynolds of the province of Pennsylvania all those Goods which his Son Carried away And likewise those Negroes which he the Said Reynolds acknowledge in his Deponents hearing where in his possession, but that he the said Reynolds refused giving them up till he was Satisfied of his Demand against Said Estate This Deponent further Saith that he never saw or heard any one say that Charles Orrick ever Carried away or Embezzled any Part of S.d Estate And further Saith not

Sworn before Eli Nalette Clk — A. Buchanan

The aforesaid Respondent also files in Court here the following Renunciation Vz.t

Cecil County ss.t I the Subscriber Widow and relict of Joseph

Joseph Bafs late of the County aft.d deceased do hereby renounce and give up the administration of my Said Husbands Estate in favour of Mr. Charles Orrick of Cecil County Witness my hand this 14 day of October 1765 —

Test — Ann her (R mark Bafs

Andw Pearce —

And this Cause was by Several adjournments continued to the Second Tuesday of July 1766 of which the parties had notice given them accordingly —

At Which Said 2d Tuesday of July being the 8th Day of the Same Month Anno Domini 1767 Come again the said parties Libellant and Respondant by their Procurators aft.d and the Said parties pray his Honour the Judge to give his definitive Sentence in the Cause aft.d Whereupon after mature deliberation had on the Several proceedings and Deposition of Witnesses Said his Honour the Judge having heard Seen and fully understood all and every the Witnesses Examined in and duly weighed and considered the Merits of this Cause doth Order Adjudge Sentence and Decree as follows to wit —

In the Name of God Amen I Charles Goldsborough Esq.r Commissary generall and Judge for probat of Wills and granting Administrations within the province of Maryland lawfully appointed and Qualified rightly and duly proceeding having Seen and understood the Depositions of the witnesses and heard what has been Alledged by the procurators on both Sides and having fully and Maturely discussed the merits and circumstances of a certain Testamentary Business or proving by Witnesses the Testament or last Will of a certain Joseph Bafs late of Cecil County deceased and Revoking the Letters of Administration granted unto Charles Orrick of Cecil County of all and singular the goods and Chattles which were of the aforesaid Joseph Bafs at the Time of his death which are now Controverted and remain undetermined before me

Judge