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Length. And he further saith that he is well acquainted with the Hand writing of Peter Corbin & Major Townsend the other Subscribing Witnesses to said Instrument of Writing but doth not believe it to be the Hand writeing of any of them - altho' he cannot but say that in the Name of Major Townsend there is some distant Resemblance —

And further saith not — Joshua Donoho —

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Which several Depositions having been fully heard and their Merits maturely considered - It is ordered adjudged and decreed, by this Honour the Commissary General. That the Paper or Instrument of Writing so as aforesaid purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of John Stevens late of Somerset County deceased be not taken as and for the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased but be forever cancelled annulled and made void to all Intents and Purposes; And that Letters of Common Administration be granted to William Stevens the Heir at Law of the deceased as in Cases of Intestacy — Walter Dulany Comy Gen

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Abner Turner ..... Admor
George Thompson .....

Citation having issued in this Cause returnable to July Court It was ordered at the Request of James Seth to be marked Error and Attachment to issue which was issued accordingly & returned by the Sheriff of Talbot County Thus endorsed to be attached p Thos Sherwood Shff. Whereupon the said Abner Turner being called upon appears here in Court and prays the same may be continued to September Court next which was by Jas Tilghman 3d Attorney for said Seth assented to. And this Cause is continued accordingly —

2d Anne

Samuel Blunt ..... Admor
Samuel Blunt .....

Citation renewed to August Court returned Summd. Renewed to next Court

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Ebenezer Rayner & Jonathan Turner Exors of Jno Perkins at Suit
Stephen Bordley Esq. ....

Citation continued for concealment of effects — List of Debts & Credits and Disbursements filed in July — also Account of Disbursements filed in July Court — List of Debts having been returned Ruled that Issue be joined at next Court Issue joined accordingly Continued to next Court

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Frances Baker & Robert Porter Admors DBN of Joseph Baps .....

Be it Remembered That on the 20th of June Anno Domini 1770. the following Petition was filed to wit

To the Honourable Walter Dulany Esquire Commissary General of the Province of Maryland —

The Humble Petition of Ann Baps Widow of Cecil County —

Sheweth — That Whereas a certain Joseph Baps late of Cecil County deceased at the Time of his Death was seised of one hundred Acres of Manor Land one hundred Acres of Patent Land Negroes and sundry other valuable Effects and being so seised died and by his last Will and Testament did leave and bequeath the said one hundred Acres of Manor Land to his Wife your said Petitioner during her Natural Life and also the third part of all his personal Estate towards the remainder of which personal Estate did also leave and bequeath to the Children of a certain Elizabeth Wilds Sister to the said Testator and by the said Will did constitute and appoint a certain William Reynolds Executor thereof to whom Administration was granted with the Will aforesaid left in your Office (Citation thereto being had) more fully may appear and whereas the said William hath administred fully of the said Goods and Chattles together with a certain Henry Baker now deceased by Colour of a Purchase from the said Heirs of Elizabeth Wilds have taken every thing into their Possession and converted them to their own Use and Benefit without allowing to the said Will giving and delivering up to your said Petitioner her Portion & dower as aforesaid or any part thereof by means whereof your said Petitioner is reduced to the greatest Distress having had nothing this four Years to subsist on but the benevolence of Charitable Persons without whose assistance she must inevitably have Perished —

Now your Petitioner humbly prays that your Honour may take the Case of a helpless Widow into your Consideration and order those things to be done therein as may seem to your Honour most requisite in order that Justice may be done to your said Petitioner who stands in the greatest Need thereof and your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever pray —

Ann Baps.

Whereupon Citations were ordered to be issued against Francis Baker and Robert Porter the Admors DBN of said Joseph Baps —

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