Talbot County continued

Mary Elston - - Adm.x
William Elston . . . . } Citation ven.s to pass Acc.t

Renewed

John Sherwood Jun.r Adm.r
Thom.s Sherwood . . . } Ditto

Renewed

Luke Chevers & Sus.a his Wife
Clement Sailes & Gab.l Sailes
John Cox & Jane his Wife
John Studdam & Eliz.a his Wife } Be it Remembered that on the 1.st Day of June Anno Domini 1770 a paper purporting to the Last Will & Testament of Gabriel Sailes late of Talbot County deceased which said Will was Lost or destroyed as it is said was filed herein Court and on the 25.th Day of January 1771 The following Libel was duly Exhibited to wit

To the Honourable Walter Dulany Esqr Commissary General of the province of Maryland and Judge of the Prerogative Office

The Libel and Complaint of Luke Chevers & Susannah his Wife Gabriel Sailes & Clement Sailes of Talbot County Sheweth unto your Honour that Gabriel Sailes Senior late of the said County died possessed of a considerable personal Estate and shortly before his Death made & Executed his Last Will and Testament & disposed of his Said personal Estate in Substance as follows "First I give to my Son Gabriel a Negroe Man called Jasper and my Plans Mill — "Also I give to my Daughter Susannah a Negroe Woman called Hannah — "Also I give to my Son Clement fifty five pounds in Dollars at Seven Shillings & six pence each which I have placed in the hands of my Friend James Dickinson to purchase therewith a Negroe for the use of my Said Son Clement" — "Also I do

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"Will and Order that the present crop be finished at the Expence of my Estate and after my Son his Share as Overseer is taken from it that it be Equally Divided amongst my three Children Clement Gabriel and Susannah" "Also I do give all the residue of my Estate to my said Children Clement Gabriel & Susannah to be Equally Divided amongst them by my Friends James Dickinson and Daniel Sherwood and I do Order my Sons Clement and Gabriel under the penalty of Forfeiting to their Sisters Susan.a their Share of my Estate to produce & Shew to my said friends all my Estate to be by them Valued and Inventorised as soon as Conveniently may be after my Decease" — "Lastly I do constitute my said Sons Clement & Gabriel Executors of this my last Will [redacted] Ordering that no Account of my Estate be Settled with the Commissary nor any appraisement made but by my said Friends James Dickinson and Daniel Sherwood whose Advice & Directions I order my said Children to follow in all things relating to this my last Will and I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made & declare this to be my Last Will & Testament" —

Your Libellants further shew to Your Honour that the said Will was drawn by the said Dickinson & Delivered by the Testator into his hands to keep and preserve for him that same time afterwards the Testator Died and the said James Dickinson upon the Death of the said Testator did give up the said Will to Your Libellant Clement Sailes as one of the Executors therein named with Your Libellant Gabriel Sailes — That Your Libellant put the Said Will in his Chest & locked the same among his other papers and Writings that shortly afterwards the Chest was broke open and the Said Will was Stole & taken out of the said Chest by some person or persons to Your Libellants unknown — Your Libellants further shew unto Your Honour that the said Gabriel Sailes Deceased left Seven Children Your Libellants Gabriel, Clement & Susannah & Also Jane Sailes who Intermarried with John Cox & Eliz.a Sailes who Intermarried with John Steddon — and that Clement Gabriel & Susannah in the said Will mentioned are your Libellants and Complainants Clement Gabriel & Susannah

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