to their Party and having carefully and Diligently Searched into, and Considered of the whole Proceedings Had and done before me in this Business, and having Observed all & Singular the Matters and things that by Law ought to be Observed and Done in this Behalf, I do here with Proceed to the Given my Definitive Sentence or final Decree in this Business, in Manner and form following, Viz.t

For as much as by the Acts enacted, deduced, alleged, exhibited, Propounded, Proved and Confessed in this Business, I have found, and it doth Evidently appear unto me, that the Proctor of the Said Visitors of St Mary's County Free-School hath not Sufficiently founded and Proved his Allegation, as deduced in a Certain Libel and other Exhibits Given in, Exhibited and Admitted on their Behalf in this Business, and now remaining in the Registry of this Court, but hath entirely failed in the Proofs thereof (which Libel & Exhibits ~~Given~~ I will have taken as if here Inserted) But that the Proctor of the Said Geo: Watts & others, hath Sufficiently founded & Proved his Intention, deduced in a Certain Allegation and other Pleadings and Exhibits, Given in, Exhibited and Admitted on the Behalf of his Party in this Business and now also remaining in the Registry of this Court, (which I will have ~~Given~~ taken as if here also Read & Inserted)

I do therefore (having first heard Counsel in this Behalf) Adjudge and Decree that the Paper Exhibited in this Cause as and for the last Will of the said Theodosia Hay, be Effectually and be taken, deemed, held and Established for the Last Will of the Said Theodosia Hay, so far forth as the Same Concerns the Personal Estate of the said Deceased

And I do further Order & Decree that the Letters of Administration heretofore Granted unto a Certain Normand Bruce of Theodosia County

County, before the Present Will was Discovered, be totally Vacated and Rendered Null & void, and that Letters of Administration with a Copy of the said Will Annexed be Granted to the said Normand Bruce — Iuestive so Requiring.

Be it also remembered that on the 19th day of November 1772 — the aforesaid Visitors of St Mary's County Free School, by William Cook their Attorney, entered their appeal in due form, against the Decree aforesaid, to the Governor & Court of Delegates; which was granted them accordingly — and that on the 8th day of April Anno Dominii 1773 — John Ridout, William Hayward, Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer, John Hepburn, and James Dickinson Esquires, being delegated to view and inspect said Decree, did Send an Order for the transmitting all the Proceedings Relating thereto, which being done accordingly — Their Result and final determination was rendered to this Office in the following Words to Wit —

Abraham Barnes George Slater
Richd Brown Moses Tabbs
John Eden and Zachariah Bond
Visitors of the Free School in Saint
Marys County Appellants
against
George Watts & Wife Dorothy
Heath & Wife Swannah Hay and
Normand Bruce Appellees —

In the Court of Delegates
Friday the 16 April 1773

At which said Seventeenth Day of April Anno Dominii Seventeen Hundred & Seventy three Came again the aforesaid Appellants and Appellees by their Procurators aforesaid and the Commission being read the said Commission with the whole Proceedings from the Commission