At which said next Court to wit the 2d Tuesday of March Anno Domini 1774 b
curator as the Respondents by Thos Johnson their Procurator and the said Libella
ing Depositions taken by Virtue of said Commission to wit (Enter the Deposit
Henry Martin, Thos Goldsborough, David Robinson, Jas Dickinson, Jno Frow
of 1774) Thegalso file the following Deposition heretofore taken in Chancery bwt
to Edward Oldham of Talbot County about Eighteen Years after their Marriage th
said Mr Oldham was Blessed with the Perfect and uninterrupted enjoyment of his
Life but that about 10 Years ago he Complained he was Deprived of his Sight at
Convince him thereof which so Greatly Offended Mr Oldham that he then threat
Continued for Several Months to act as if he had been blind that he every now an
Continued to Indulge himself in the Habit of Almost Constant Hard Drinking
Nauseate Strong Liquors and During this time his Behaviour and Words and Actio
of Rage and Fury Jealous and Suspicious of Almost every one Especially of tho
Occasion and frequently for no Cause they Knew or Could Imagine abou
he recovered of it it Appeared that he was Wrought to a state of Idiotism and seemed
Calls of Nature in this Condition he was for Some Months and tho after wards
his General Behaviour Given Evident Proofs of his being Deprived of the lou
of Governing himself or his Estate

Sworn before the 10th Day of March 1772 bef

Jam: Dickinson

All Which being Read and Heard this Cause was Ordered for Hearing on the 2d D
again the Parties afsd as Well Libellants as Respondents by their Procurators afsd a

the 8th Day of the Same Month came as Well the Plaintiffs afsd by William Lara their Pro
by their Procurator afsd make Return of the Commission afsd and file herein Court the follo
of Ann Oldham, Henry Dellahay, John Dowdle, Wm Martin, Rd G: Robinson, Sol Lanet
Wm Thomas, Alex Dellahay, Jno Markland, & Saml Crabtree among the Original Papers

Talbot County to wit

Ann Oldham maketh Oath and sayeth that she has been Married
National Faculties was Careful in the Management of his Affairs and Lived a Sober Regulat
sician was Employed who Declared that his Disorder was Imaginary and Endeavoured to
Kill the Physician and Can never Since hear his Name Mentioned with Patience Mr Olham
then Said verently Discovered Proofs that he did Sex Distinctly Afterward Mr Oldham
fs when his Intemperance Had brought Some Disorder upon him which made him
ere after Extravagant and Irrational he was Particularly Subject to unaccountable Fits
whom were most nearly Connected with him Abusing and Maltreating them on the Slightest
ighteen Months ago Mr Oldham was Suddenly Seized with a fit of Swooning and after
only Deprived of the Use of his Rational faculties but also insensible and Regardless of the
he recovered the use of his Natural Faculties in some Degree he has Since Constantly by
and Understanding in a Very Great Degree and Still Continues Altogether Incapable

True Copy from the Orig: Deposition now
remaining in the Chancery Office James Brooks Reg: Cur Can

And now at this Day to wit the 2d Day of April Anno Domini 1774 Came
Pray the Decree of this Court in the Cause afsd Whereupon his Honour the Judge