what was so bequeathed or devised to her then by that Choice She should be for
ever barred from claiming further third part afores: and if she should renounce what was
so bequeathed and devised she should then have the third part afores: and be barred
of her Devise but should not Claim or have both, but in case such Widow
should neglect to make such Election within the time foresaid, that she should
be then concluded by having a full third part of the clear personal Estate
of her deced husband besides her Dower of his Real Estate in full of all such De=
=vises or Legacys — Provided always that such part of the personal Estate or ~~Real~~
Estates should be liable to pay the Debt of the Deced as other part of the Estate was
or ought to be, and if such wife Widow or Relict should have any part of of her
husbands Lands or real Estate of Inheritance devised to her by her husband p
that it should not appear by any part of his Will he intended her such a part
of his Real Estate afores: & her Dower out of the Rest of his Real Estate
besides then it should be lawfull for such Wife Widow or Relict to make
her Election as afores: whether she will accept
of such Devise or of the third part of all her husbands real Estate of
which she is Endowable and if she should accept of her Devise she
should be forever barred of her Dower, out of the Rest of the testators real
Estate afores: and if she should accept of her Dower then such acceptance
should be adjudged a full recompence of her Devise afores: but in case she
should neglect to make such Election within the time afores: she shall
then by such Election be concluded by what is ~~devised~~ to her and shall
be thereby barred of her Dower of such deceds real Estate unless it should
appear to be the design of ~~that~~ the Devisor that such Widow should have
both devise and Dower any Law Statute Usuage or Custom to the Contrary
Notwithstanding as in the Same act is more fully contained — And the
aforesaid Caleb further Saith that the afores: John Dorsey Esq: being
Seized in his demesne as of fee to him and his heirs for ever of and in
two tracts of Land the one called Hockley in the hole containing four
hundred Acres Lying on South River in Anne Arundell County com=
=monly called South River quarter or plantation. And the other called
Troy containing Seven hundred and Sixty three Acres Lying on Elk
Ridge in Baltimore County which Said Troy was the Said John Dorseys
dwelling plantation at the time of making his Last Will & testament
and at the time of his Death. Afterwards Viz: the twenty Sixth day of
November in the Year of our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred and
fourteen at Baltimore County made declared and published his Last Will
and testament in writing, and by the Same Will among other things
and bequests and devises therein & thereby made did give & bequeath unto
the aforesaid pleasance by the Name following Viz: to my Wife Plea=
=sance Dorsey one full third part of his Estate real and personal after his Just debts
Should be satisfyed (that is to Say) She might have either his plantation
on South River or his Dwelling plantation on Elk Ridge at her Choice
if she should think fitt to accept thereof in full of her Dower of his
real Estate and afterwards Viz: the eleventh Day of March in the
Year of our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred & fourteen the Said John
Dorsey continuing Seized of the afores: Lands plantations & premises
in the aforesaid Will Mentioned did to wit at Baltimore County afores:
which Said Will afterwards to wit the twenty Second Day of March one
thousand Seven hundred & fourteen at the City of Annapolis in Anne Arundell
County in due form of Law was exhibited to William Bladen Esq: Commy General
and Chief Judge for probat of Wills and granting Letters of Administration
in the province of Maryland by the Said Caleb Dorsey the Executor therein
(Named)

Named, and the S: Will was then & there in due form of Law proved before the afores:
William Bladen having then and there full power & Authority to receive the
probat thereof as by the Same Will which bears date the Twenty Sixth Day of
November one thousand Seven hundred and fifteen aforesaid Sealed declared and
published by the Said John Dorsey as his Last Will & testament remaining of record
in the Prerogative office of the province of Maryland at the City of Annapolis in
Annarundell County may manifestly appear, an Exemplification of which
Will together with the Letters testamentary thereon granted to the Said Caleb
Dorsey by the Said William Bladen Comissary General &c: as afores: under the
Seal of the ~~aforesaid~~ prerogative Court of the Province of Maryland the S:
Caleb Dorsey here into Court brings the date of which Letters testamentary
is the Said twenty Second day of March one thousand Seven hundred and
fourteen, And the Said Caleb further Saith that the afores: pleasance after the
Death of the Said John Dorsey & before the exhibition of the Will aforesaid
to the afores: Comissary General and probat thereof made, and before Letters
testamentary were thereupon granted to the aforesaid Caleb Viz: the eleventh
day of March in the Year of our Lord God one thousand Seven hundred & fourt=
=teen at Baltimore County afores: had notice of the Will afores: and of the
Devise and bequest therein made to her in full of her Dower of the real
Estate of the Said John Dorsey. And the Same Caleb further Saith that the
S: pleasance after the Death of the Said John and notice of the bequest or
Devise aforesaid and before the impetration of the Originall Will of her the
Said pleasance in this cause by Vertue of the Said Will & devise or bequest
as therein mentioned entered into the dwelling plantation of the Said
John at Elk Ridge afores: in the Said Will mentioned (to wit) the eleventh
day of March Anno Dom one thousand Seven hundred and fourteen, at
Baltimore County aforesaid agreeing and Consenting to the bequest & devise as
in full of her Dower and never making her Election in any other Man=
=ner or renounce the S: Bequest or devise as by the S: Act is required
And this he is ready to verify, and therefore prays Judgement if the
Said pleasance her Dower of the Lands & tenements in Demand to have
ought &c: With this that the aforesaid Caleb is ready to verify that
the afores: Land & premises named & described in the aforesaid Last Will and
testament by the following Words Viz: My dwelling plantation on
Elk Ridge and the aforesaid tract of Land called Troy into which the afores:
pleasance has entered as afores: is one & the Same tract of Land and premises
and not other or diverse & that it does not appear in any part of the afores:
John Dorseys Last Will that he intended her the Lands & premises afores:
in the Will afores: mentioned over & above her Dower or third part of his
Real Estate &c And the Said pleasance Dorsey Saith that by any thing preal=
=ed from having her Dower of the Lands & tenements aforesaid She ought not to be barred be=
=cause protesting that she did within forty days after the probat of her Said Husbands
Will make her Election to have her thirds & release the devises to her in the Said
Will mentioned according to the Directions in the Act of Assembly first above
mentioned protesting likewise that she did not agree nor Consent to the afores:
=mentioned bequest & devise or either of them in full of her Dower protesting
likewise that she did not enter into the Dwelling plantation of the Said
John at Elk Ridge afores: in the Said Will mentioned in such manner as Said
Caleb by his plea afores: hath above Supposed She Saith that the aforesaid plea of
the afores: Caleb above in bar of the Dower aforesaid pleaded is not Sufficient in
Law to preclude her the Said pleasance from having her Dower of the tene
(ments)