the Deceased at the Time of his Death according to Law appraised in Money together with a List of the Debts Sperate and Desperate and the same so made do Exhibit or cause to be Exhibited into the Office for Probate of Wills &c. at or before the 25th day of February next ensuing and the same Goods Chattels and Credits do well and truly Administer according to law Viz.t do pay the Debts of the Deceased which he did Owe at the time of his Decease as also all Such Reasonable Charges and fees as have Arisen or shall arise or become due to any of his Lordships Officers and others from the said John Addison and John Abington on Account of the said Deceased or his Estate so far forth as the said Goods Chattles and Credits will extend to and the law will Charge and further do make or Cause to be made a Just and true Account of and upon their said Administration within Twelve Months from the day of their Admittance to Such Administration and Such Parcell and Portion of the said Estate as shall be found remaining upon Such Account the Same being first Examined and Adjudged by the Judge appointed for the Time being for Probate of Wills &c. do distribute and dispose according to Law and the true Intent and Meaning of the Last Will and Testament of the said Deceased and Lastly do at all and every time and Times hereafter clearly discharge and save harmless his said Lordship his Judges and all other his Officers and Ministers from all Persons having or pretending to have any Right Title or Interest to the said Goods and Chattels that then this Obligation to be Void and of no Effect or else to Stand remain and be in full force Power and Virtue in Law — Which being read and heard the said William Murdock by his Attorney aforesaid prays Leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the Same day is given to Stephen Bordley Esquire his Lordships Attorney General who &c. also —

At which said next Court to wit the thirteenth day of September Anno Dom. 1757 Comes again as well Stephen Bordley Esquire who &c. as the the said William Murdock by his attorney aforesaid and the said William Murdock by his said Attorney prays further Leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the Same day is given to Stephen Bordley Esquire who &c. also.

At which said next Court to wit the Eleventh day of April Anno Dom. 1758 Comes again as well Stephen Bordley Esquire who &c. as the said William Murdock by his Attorney aforesaid and the said William Murdock by his said Attorney prays further Leave to Imparle hereunto until next Court and he hath it and the Same day is given to Stephen Bordley Esquire who &c. also —

At which said next Court to wit the Twelfth day of September Anno Dom. 1758 Comes again as well Stephen Bordley Esquire who &c. as the said William Murdock by his Attorney aforesaid and the said William Murdock by his said Attorney prays further leave to Imparle hereunto untill next Court and he hath it and the Same day is given to Stephen Bordley Esquire who &c. also —

At which said next Court to wit the Tenth day of April Anno Dom. 1759 Comes again as well Stephen Bordley Esquire who &c. as the said William Murdock by his said Attorney And the said William by his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the force and Injury when &c. and saith that he with the Debt aforesaid in Vertue of the Writing aforesaid ought not to be Burthened because he saith that that writing is not his Deed and of this he puts himself upon the Country &c. —

And the aforesaid William by his Attorney aforesaid with the Licence of the Court here according to the Form of the Statute in such Case made and provided further defends the force and Injury when &c. and saith that the aforesaid Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary that now is the Action aforesaid against (him)

him the said William Ought not because he saith that after the making the Writing Obligatory aforesaid and before the Imputation of the Original Writ in the Action aforesaid the aforesaid John Addison and John Abington in the Condition of the said Writing Obligatory mentioned did make a true and perfect Inventory of all and Singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of George Noble Deceased in the said Condition mentioned which were of the said Deceased at the Time of his Death according to Law appraised in Money together with a List of the Debts Sperate and Desperate and the Same so made did exhibit into the Office for Probate of Wills &c. on the twenty fifth day of February in the Condition aforesaid Mentioned and the Same Goods Chattels and Credits did well and truly Administer according to law to wit did pay the Debts of the Deceased which he did owe at the Time of his Death and also all Such Reasonable Charges and Fees as did arise or become due to his Lordships Officers and others from the said John Addison and John Abington on Account of the said deceased or his Estate so far forth as the said Goods Chattels and Credits did extend and the law did Charge and further did make a Just and true Account of and upon their said Administration within Twelve Months from the day of their Admittance to such their Administration and Such parcel and Portion of the said Estate as was found remaining upon Such Account first Examined and adjudged by the Judge appointed for the time being for Probate of Wills &c. did distribute and dispose according to Law and the true Intent and Meaning of the Last Will and Testament of the said Deceased and hath always Since the date of the said Writing clearly discharged and saved harmless his said Lordship his Judges and other his Officers and Ministers from all Persons having or pretending to have any Right Title or Interest to the said Goods and Chattels to wit at Prince Georges County aforesaid and this he is ready to Verify &c. wherefore the said William prays Judgement whether the said Attorney General for the said Lord Proprietary that now is the Action aforesaid against him to have or Maintain Ought &c. —

And as to the first Plea of the said William the said Attorney General in like Manner &c. —

And the said Attorney General as to the Second Plea of the said William Murdock Saith that by any thing above Alleged the said Lord Proprietary from having and maintaining his Action aforesaid against the said William Ought not to be precluded Because he saith that George Noble the Testator in the Condition of the said Writing Obligatory mentioned on the Sixth day of September in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and thirty five made his last Will and Testament in Writing and thereof Constituted the said John Addison and a certain John Abington now deceased whom the said John Addison hath Survived Executors and Soon after died to wit at Prince Georges County aforesaid by which said Testament the said George Noble bequeathed to his Daughter Elizabeth One Negro Girl called Nan and all her Increase which should happen after the Date of his said Will and all the Residue of his Personal Estate whatsoever to be Equally divided between his five Children and the said Attorney General in fact Saith that the Residue of the Personal Estate of the said George Noble the Testator after the payment of his just Debts and funeral Expences and the Negro Girl called Nan and the and the Increase that the said Nan had after the date of the said Will so as aforesaid bequeathed to his said Daughter Elizabeth amounted to the Sum of Two thousand and Eighty eight pounds Seven Shillings and Six pence Current Money of which said Sum five hundred and twenty four pounds ten Shillings were payable in Negroes fifty Nine pounds Two Shillings in Cattle eight pounds thirteen Shillings in Sheep forty pounds ten Shillings in Horses and One thousand four hundred and fifty five pounds twelve Shillings and Six pence the Residue thereof in Current Money And the said Attorney General further in fact Saith that the said George Noble the Testator at the time of making his said Will and at the Time of his Death to wit at Prince Georges County aforesaid has five (Children)