of William Carroll and signed by him the paper No. 4 not being produced he knoweth nothing about it he believes the endorsed signatures of John L Wilmer and Robert Buchanan to be their respective signatures and that the names of Wallace and Muir to have been written by John Muir and that the name of James Carey on the note he believes to have been written by James Carey –

9th He saith they derived certain Houses and Lots in George Town from John Vorhees their father and also some lands in Queen Anns County which John Vorhees purchased of Daniel Ferguson and that he held a mortgage of land in Cecil County from William Worth and wife which has since devolved to the heirs of John Vorhees, he cannot ascertain the value of the property –

10th He does not know where he is he understood he went to Sea in the Insurgent and that he has not heard of him since –

11th He does not recollect in particular at this time, but if any questions are hereafter asked him he will make answer to them –

On the following Interrogatories being propounded to this deponent John Ireland Esquire by the complainant – Did you know James Pearce and how long were you acquainted with him do you know him to have been an attentive and industrious man to his affairs in case he James Pearce had become security of any person and had money to pay in consequence of such security and if in order to indemnify him for paying money as security aforesaid Bonds or notes should come into his hands for collection do you not believe that he would have paid proper and due attention to the collection of said Bonds and notes – He answereth and saith he knew James Pearce and was acquainted with him from the year seventeen hundred and eighty three to the time of his death he saith he was an attentive and industrious man and he believes that to have been his General character he believes Mr. Pearce would have paid due and proper attention to any Bonds or notes put into his hands for collection and that he this deponent found him attentive to the collection of money –

Interrogatories propounded to John Ireland Esquire by the Defendants in this cause – What age were you when you first came to live with Mr. Vorhees – He answereth and saith he believes he was sixteen or seventeen years of age when he first went to live with Mr. Vorhees: At what time did you leave John Vorhees?

This deponent saith he believes he left Mr. Vorhees in the latter part of the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven – At what time did you go in partnership with John Vorhees – This Deponent saith he does not recollect the exact time he went into partnership with John Vorhees but believes it to have been in the latter part of the year seventeen hundred and ninety or seventeen hundred and ninety one –

Did any contract exist between you and John Vorhees? He saith there was no contract in writing –

Did John Vorhees put any stock in trade with you and to what amount if any? He saith John Vorhees did not put any stock in money nor goods but the said Vorhees assigned Bond on John Maxwell and William Maxwell the sum not now recollected to Jacob Baker of Philadelphia for which he received the amount in goods and also a Bond on William Clark which was put into the hands of John Field of Philadelphia and afterwards taken up and returned to Andrew Hunter Vorhees at the time a settlement of the partnership of John Ireland and Co. was made with Andrew Hunter Vorhees and Joseph Thompson –

What amount of money or property did you pay or deliver to Andrew Hunter Vorhees at a settlement with Andrew Hunter Vorhees and Joseph Thompson of the concern? He saith he does not now recollect the amount settled with Andrew Hunter Vorhees and Joseph Thompson not having the Book here to refer to but don't recollect any thing except Clarks Bond and account against Andrew Hunter Vorhees Samuel Vorhees and Mr. Vorhees for clothing &c. and for board paid for Andrew Hunter Vorhees in Philadelphia but a settlement of all those accounts together with the partnership of John Ireland and Co. was made and a receipt taken from Andrew

Hunter Vorhees the then Executors of John Vorhees deceased for the amount thereof –

Did you not previous to your going into trade with John Vorhees as a partner act as his clerk and keep his books were you acquainted with the said Vorhees circumstances at the time you left him and did you not consider him as a man of punctuality in trade and as a man of property and had he and a very large amount of Bonds and accounts due him when you left him? He saith he lived with Mr. Vorhees as before stated from the year seventeen hundred and eighty three to the latter part of the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven as an apprentice at which time he left him and went to live in Baltimore during the time he lived with Mr. Vorhees he attended to the store and writing in his Books he saith he was not particularly acquainted with Mr. Vorhees circumstances at the time this deponent left him no list of balances being taken This deponent saith he considered Mr. Vorhees as much a man of punctuality as his manner of doing business would admit but he was not nor could he pay punctually having bought his goods on credit and sold them so generally – This deponent did not consider Mr. Vorhees as a man of considerable property he due at the time of entering into partnership with James Pearce he doth not think he had much stock having previous to that time and since the war only been in a very small business and during the war he made his collections in paper money and met with losses and several old claims contracted before the war against which he was unable to compete the payment of until shortly before this deponent left him – This deponent further saith Mr. Vorhees had Bonds Notes and accounts the amount he can't say, but the books of the said Vorhees will shew much better than he can possibly recollect shortly before this deponent left Mr. Vorhees he saith Vorhees assigned sundry Bonds to certain persons in Philadelphia for goods bought of them and had other Bonds on hand but to what amount he does not know –

How long was it after you left John Vorhees until you and James Pearce administered on John Vorhees Estate and was not John Vorhees engaged in commercial business until the time of his death? – This deponent saith he left Mr. Vorhees in George Town in the latter part of the year seventeen hundred and eighty seven and James Pearce and this deponent administered on John Vorhees Estate in the year seventeen hundred and ninety two as well as he recollects, after some time John Vorhees put his goods in the hands of Benjamin Comegys at the Head of Chester where they continued in business for a time not known to this deponent under the firm of J Vorhees and Comegys – This deponent believes in the Spring of seventeen hundred and ninety John Vorhees went to Chester Town where he commenced business with Abraham Falconer and William Sinbey under the firm of John Vorhees and Co., shortly before John Vorhees death this deponent believes they agreed to dissolve the partnership at some fixed time not now recollected by this deponent –

At the time James Pearce and yourself administered on the Estate of John Vorhees were there not a number of bonds notes and open accounts due John Vorhees, which came to your and James Pearces hands as administrators of the said John Vorhees and to what amount – This deponent saith there were a number of bonds notes and accounts due John Vorhees which came into the hands of James Pearce and this deponent as Executors of John Vorhees but he does not know to what amount?

Did you not immediately after James Pearce and yourself administered on the Estate of John Vorhees received the Bonds books and personal Estate of the said John Vorhees? This deponent saith that James Pearce and himself did receive the books and sundry bonds notes and papers belonging to the said John Vorhees but the greater part of the debts due the said John Vorhees were by him put into the hands of Turbut Wright Esquire his attorney after the death of Turbut Wright Mr. Vorhees had put his business into the hands of William Tilghman Esquire such of his personal estate as he John Vorhees did not devise was also received –

Had you and James Pearce access to the books of Turbut Wright and William Tilghman Esquires in order to ascertain the amount of debts put into their hands due to John Vorhees and if not could you not have had access to the records for that