interrogatories written down in the before mentioned paper having thereafter been put by the President to the witness and the testamentary document handed in together with the same shewn him, the answers by him given, on the strength of the oath taken were noted down to — minutes of the Court in the following terms, viz:

Answer to 1st Interrogatory.

"Of the parties in the title of these interrogatories named, I only know the plaintiffs, Benjamin Vancrosen Guyer and brother James Guyer, I have known them both from their births.

Answer to 2nd Interrogatory.

"I did know John Guyer, late of this Island of St. Bartholomew deceased from my infancy, or for about 18 years before his death. He died in this Island in the year 1841. I always understood him to be a native of Annapolis, State of Maryland, in the United States of America, of which place I also understood that he claimed to be a citizen, I do not know whether or not he did renounce his allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, nor whether or not he did ever swear allegiance to any other Government, Potentate or Power"

Answer to 3d Interrogatory

"John Guyer occupied himself in mercantile pursuits. His residence in this Island was further back than I can recollect and I am now over 40 years.

Answer to 4th Interrogatory.

"I do look upon the paper now shown me and which is really the last will and testament of John Guyer. I was present at the execution of said paper and did see John Guyer sign said Will in the presence of the witnesses whose names are thereunto subscribed. said witnesses did subscribe their names thereto as witnesses thereof in the presence of the said John Guyer and in the presence of each other.

Answer to 5th Interrogatory.

"Having already answered the foregoing interrogatory in the affirmative, I will further state, that of the witnesses whose names are thereto subscribed, P. W. Vancrosen is to the best of my knowledge living and W. Haddocks is dead. Vancrossen lives in St. Christopher and Haddocks died in St Eustatius"

Answer to 6th Interrogatory.

"The paper now shown to me is the original will and not a copy. It is now here in the possession of Mr. B. V. Guyer. I cannot answer the question where said Will is filed and whether said Will is or is not filed in the public archives of the Island of St Bartholomew where the laws of the said Island provide for filing and proving Wills and Testaments as I do not know

that any such laws so provide nor do I know the exact meaning in this instance of the word "filed" But said Will has been duly exhibited in time and place where the laws of this Island provide and the legal formalities required for giving validity to the same have as far as I know bendulg complied with. The name of the said John Guyer and the names of the said witnesses are each and all of them in the proper handwriting of the said John Guyer and of each and all of the said witnesses as before mentioned and I have seen the said John Guyer and the said witnesses, W. Haddocks & P. W. Vancrossen writing"

Answer to 7th Interrogatory.

The said Benjamin Vancrossen Guyer and James Guyer, whose names appear in the titling of these interrogatories are the same identical persons who are named by those names in the said Will and they do now reside in this Island of St. Bartholomew

Answer to 8th Interrogatory.

I do not know what the laws of St. Bartholomew require that last wills and testaments shall be proved and recorded and consequently cannot answer the question whether the will of John Guyer now shown to me was proved and recorded according to such laws. The laws of the said Island require certain forms with regard to last wills and testaments, such as that they be presented before the Judge or Court of Justice within a certain time, together with a correct copy thereof which is to be given to the legal heirs and to the best of my belief, the said laws have been complied with in regard to said Will. I am not aware that sealing is necessary by law to constitute a legal will, nor that the law requires the will in question to be recorded or proved in any other way.

Answer to last Interrogatory

I do not know any other matter or thing, nor have I heard or can say anything touching the matter in question in this case that may tend to the benefit and advantage of the plaintiffs in this cause, besides what I have been interrogated into"

Answer to the 1st Cross-Interrogatory

"The plaintiffs Ben. V. Guyer and James Guyer were both born in this Island of St Bartholomew. They do now reside here and are citizens of this Swedish Colony. They owe allegiance to His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway

Answer to 2nd Cross-Interrogatory.

"I am Marshal of the Council and Court of Justice in this Island"

Answer to 1st Additional Cross-Interrogatory

"I do not know know where the mother of the said B. V. Guyer and James Guyer was born, nor to what Potentate or Government she did owe allegiance"

Answer to 2d Additional Cross-Interrogatory.