ment knew scarcely how to act and was less able to refer to any motive or plan or imagined wrong his wifes conduct. But under every tender consideration for her and every sense of his own right prompted to solve the mystery of such defiance and denunciation your orator sought explanation and resolved if possible to dispel a delusion which seemed to controul her and overrule the caprice or win her from the excited fancy which he supposed might have urged her to her unnatural position. But to all your orators entreaty for a personal interview she was deaf and he could attain explanation in no form and no communication except when finally she addressed to your orator a note which marked B he here exhibits as part of this Bill. And your orator finding all his own efforts to fail obtained his brothers intercession but with as little success but as in the series of proofs to illustrate her entire alienation and her implacable resoluteness. Your orator submits to your Honour the copy of a letter from his wife to your orators brother marked C and exhibited as part of this Bill which conjoined with her other avowals just referred to proves the separation as her own movement and characterizes the act with every mark of studied and inexorable purpose. And your orator avers that the assumed cause of her conduct frivolous and inadequate if it were true is utterly fanciful in the imputed "jealously" and suspicion of your orator feelings which he never entertained in regard to her and never manifested toward her and never gave her any warrant to ascribe to him. In proof of which he refers to exhibits No. 1, 2 & 3 being a few among the many letters written by her to your orator. But although your orator was thus repulsed by his wife and all his approaches for cordial reunion and to quiet all excitement imaginary as it might be and to win her back to contentment and to duty were discouraged your orator did not yield his hopes nor falter in his zeal and efforts to overcome her obduracy and awaken her to his proffered affection. Your orator with a fondness of resolution and a tenderness not exhausted by her perverseness made all endeavours to recall his wife to his care and companionship and solicited her reconcilement by every appeal that she would allow to reach her. But all these efforts multiplied and earnest as they have been, have proved unavailing and your orator avers and charges that his wife is irrevocably detached from him and callously fixed in her purpose never to rejoin him in the actual bonds of marriage. And your orator avers & charges that it is now more than three years since she abandoned him and that for all that period the separation has been uninterrupted, that her abandonment of him is deliberate and final: and the separation beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation. And your orator states that during all this separation said Anna Matilda W. has resided in the City of New York where she yet resides and has always been absent from the State of Maryland. And your orator states that for the last two years he has resided in the state of Maryland and is now a citizen thereof. And now your orator having thus tested his wife by every appeal to her tenderness and by every consideration that might win her back to him and having thus proved her insensibility to the authority of the marriage tie your orators rights are abused and his condition is most afflictive and humiliating.

and your orators only resource is a dissolution of the bonds she has thus effectively severed. All which is cruel to your orators grievance. In tender consideration whereof and for as much as your orator is remediless save in your Court which may decree divorce a vinculo matrimonii. To the end therefore that said Anna Matilda W. Burgwyn may on oath answer the premises and that your orators said marriage may be annulled and that a divorce between your orator and said Anna Matilda may be decreed a vinculo Matrimonii and that in the premises your orator may have such further relief as may seem proper. May it please your Honor in as much as said Anna Matilda is as your orator has alleged absent from this state and not resident therein to order publication against her of the substance and object of this Bill and that by said order she be warned (according to the act of Assembly in such case made and provided) by a certain day to be in this Court to answer the premises and show cause why a Decree should not pass as prayed.

T. Pollok Burgwyn By
T. Collins Lee and
Charles F. Mayer Solrs. for Plff.

City of Baltimore to wit. On this 19th March 1845 appears before me a Justice of the peace for said City Thomas Pollok Burgwyn and makes oath that all that is stated in the foregoing Bill is true to the best of his knowledge & belief.

T. Hanson Bett.

(Copy) Exhibit A.

I have thought it possible that on the receipt of my fathers letter your feelings may prompt you to return to town to seek an interview with me but this I beg to spare me. I am fully convinced that there can be no happiness for us living together and I think it would save the feelings of both of us, should we not meet again.

July 5th 1 College Place. A. M. W. Burgwyn.

(Copy) Exhibit B.

The more I reflect the more determined I am in the course I have adopted, and on reflection you must be aware that I have been driven to it by your long course of jealously and suspicion commenced the day of our engagement and continued up to this time. An interview with you I must positively refuse and also to receive your letters, any communication for me can be made through some friend of yours to my father, and on these two points my resolution is unalterable.

Saturday July 10th. A. M. W. Burgwyn.

T. Pollok Burgwyn Esq. Pavilion New Brighton.

(Copy) Exhibit C.

My Dear Collinson. I infer from your note that you were under the impression that the proposal for a separation came from your brother, now I cannot allow you to depart under this mistake it originated with me in consequence of his suspicions and jealously. I sent you a copy of my fathers letter not with the desire to prejudice your opinion, but as the most brief and least painful mode in which to give you the information I thought you should possess, and I am perfectly satisfied that you should suspend your opinion until you have had an interview with your Brother.

I am as ever dear Collinson.
Very affectionately yours.
A. M. W. Burgwyn.

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