Mem: The other Exhibits referred to in the Bill will be found returned with the Commission. And afterwards to wit on the 5th day of May 1845 came the said defendant in proper person and filed in the said cause her answer to the said Bill in the words following.

To the Honorable Theodorick Bland Chancellor of Maryland.

The answer of Anna Matilda W Burgwyn to the bill of Complaint of Thomas Pollok Burgwyn against the respondent in your Honorable Court exhibited. This defendant the said Anna Matilda W Burgwyn saving and reserving to herself all exception that may be taken to the errors and insufficiencies in the bill of Complaint herein contained for answer thereto or to so much thereof as this defendant is advised is material for her to make answer unto she answering says and admits that on the day mentioned in the Bill, namely on the twenty eighth day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty this defendant whose maiden name was then Anna Matilda W Barclay intermarried with the said Complainant and that from that time up to about the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty one the said Complainant and this defendant lived together as husband and wife. And this defendant further answering admits that on the said fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty one the said defendant wrote and caused to be sent and the said Complainant received the note or letter, of which a copy is contained in Schedule A annexed to his said Bill of Complaint and that such note contains as this defendant intended it should a dispassionate declaration of final separation between her and the said Complainant. And she the said defendant says she was under no delusion caprice or improper excitement, nor under any control from others when she wrote signed and sent the said note for the same was her own voluntary act done of her own free will and accord and the purport of which she has not received from but has from its date unvaryingly persisted in and still does persist in. And this defendant further answering admits that while (after the writing sending and receipt of such note of which a copy is so contained in the said schedule A) the said complainant entreated to have a personal interview with this defendant yet that this defendant would not and did not agree thereto but she admits she did write to him the letter of which a copy is contained in schedule B annexed to the said Bill. And she says the writing thereof was done on sufficient and full deliberation on her own part and the contents of such letter were entirely her own and she was under no influence or control parental or otherwise when she dictated or sent it and the same was her own free act and she has ever since adhered to the contents and determination therein contained. And this defendant admits that no intercession of the brother of the Complainant one I Collison Burgwyn has ever had any effect to alter her said determination and she admits writing the letter to the said I Collison Burgwyn of which a copy is contained in Schedule C to the said Bill annexed. And this Defendant admits that her conduct shows and proves that she is inexorable in her intention to have and adhere to the separation complained of. And this defendant further answering admits that she is irrevocably detached from the said complainant and fixed in her purpose never to be

in the same dwelling with or to rejoin him as his wife or in any way or anywhere to be with him in the actual bonds of marriage. And she abandons and has for upwards of three years last past abandoned his society and roof choosing to be and remain with her relations and friends in the City and State of New York. And she admits that she and the said complainant have in this way and manner been separated for more than three years last past and such separation is beyond reconciliation. And this defendant admits that during all the time mentioned in the said Bill she has resided in the City of New York and has during all the time therein referred to been absent from the State of Maryland. And this defendant not knowing with any certainty as to the period of time the said Complainant has been a resident of the State of Maryland cannot answer as to the same, and she leaves him to proof thereof. And this defendant accordingly submits herself for such decree in the premises as to your Honorable Court may seem therein proper. A M W Burgwyn,

Defendant in proper person.

United States of America, State of New York S.S.

By this public Instrument Be it known to all to whom the same doth or may concern that I Charles Edwards a public notary in and for the State of New York by letters patent under the Great Seal of the said State duly commissioned and sworn and in and by the said letters patent invested with full power and authority to attest Deeds, wills, codicils, agreements and other instruments in writing, and to administer any oath or oaths to any person or persons do hereby certify that on the day of the date hereof before me personally came and appeared Mrs Anna Matilda W Burgwyn the defendant named in the above answer well known to me and she being by me duly sworn on the Evangelists of Almighty God did depose and say that she has read the above her answer and know the contents thereof and that all that she the said defendant has stated in her above answer as of her own knowledge is true and that all she has there stated as of her belief or as derived from others she believes to be true. Whereof an attestation being required I have granted this under my notarial firm and seal. Done at the City of New York in the said State of New York the third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

(Seal)

Charles Edwards,
51 Wall Street New York.

In Procnissorum Fidem.

A. M. W. Burgwyn.

State of New York; City and County of New York SS.

I James Conner Clerk of the City and County of New York do hereby certify That Charles Edwards whose name is subscribed to the certificate of the proof or acknowledgment of the annexed Instrument and thereon written, was at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment a Notary Public dwelling in the said City commissioned and sworn and duly authorized to take the same, And further that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary public and verily believe that the signature to the said certificate of proof or acknowledgment is genuine.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County the third day of May 1845.

(Seal)

James Conner, Clerk.

And afterwards to wit, on the 7th day of May 1845 came the Complainant