and also took possession of a silver watch which is claimed by Samuel Merryman senr. as belonging to the estate of Nicholas Merryman senior the father of the said Samuel and Nicholas first above mentioned which the said Samuel Merryman Senr. devised to the said Sarah Scott, all which actions and doings are in delay of the administrations of the said estates of the said Samuel & Nicholas Merryman and manifestly obstruct this libellant in answering the intent and meaning of the respective last wills and testaments of the said Samuel and Nicholas Merryman

May it therefore please your worships to cite the said William Scott and Sarah his wife before your worships to answer to the charges above mentioned and that they may overally make answer to what parts of the personal estate of the said Samuel Merryman and Nicholas Merryman hath come to their hands which they have withhild from the said Henry Stevenson and also such part thereof as they have concealed from him and the value thereof and to compel the said William Scott and Sarah his wife to give up the same to the Libellant in order that the same Inventoried and appraised

Samel. Johnson for libellant

The answer of William Scott and Sarah his wife defendants to the libel of Henry Stevenson executor of the last will and testament of Samuel Merryman and administrator of Nicholas Merryman libellant, The said defendants now and at all times hereafter saving and reserving to themselves all and all manner of benefit and advantage of exception to the manifold incertainties and imperfections in the Libellants said libel contained for answer thereunto, or unto so much thereof as materially concerns these Defendants to make answer unto, the answereth & said

They admit that Samuel Merryman made his will as stated in the libellants libel, that he devised the land therein mentioned unto his sister Sarah Merryman and also some specific legacies and appointed the libellant executor & Devised his personal estate to Mary Merryman and that the libellant proved the will of the said Samuel & also took upon himself the execution thereof, they further admit that the said Sarah Merryman has since the making of the will aforesaid intermarried with the said William Scott the new respondent, These respondents deny that they or either of them ever did possess themselves of a considerable part of the personal estate of said Samuel & Nicholas Merryman which they jointly held in their life times as stated the libel of the Libellant they deny also that they or either of them ever did possess themselves of fourteen hogs and two beeves as stated in the libel otherwise than that these respondents lived in the family of the said Samuel and Nicholas Merryman and had the care of the provision of the said family and that the two beeves and thirteen hogs, and no more, was killed two days after the death of the said Samuel or thereabouts and salted for the use of the said family by these respondents what was not used of the said beef and hogs for the support of the said family all the time from the death of the said Samuel unto the time that the said Stevenson had the goods and chattels of the said Samuel inventoried and appraised was then delivered unto the said Stevenson executor aforesaid and now libellant to wit

twenty five gammons twenty six shoulders, twenty three medlins and fourteen Sides and one hundred and fifty four pounds of offal pork, and four hundred and twenty six pounds of beef, these respondents further answering saith that they deny that they or either of them ever did possess themselves after the death of the said Samuel of a quantity of cash as charged in the Libellants bill of complaint, some Bed cloths, two table cloths, two Diaper towels, some earthen pots and jugs and one silver broach and silver sleve buttons one painted red chest a paral of yarn and thread, some flax, two pocket books, some papers of consequence, one new flannel shirt some remnants of cloaths, one satinet Jacket two pocket handkerchiefs, one pewter gallon bason which were part of the Joint estate as aforesaid, The said William Scott further answering saith that he admits that he did possess himself of the grain in the ground which the said Samuel and Nicholas Merryman had sowed therein before their deaths and also he admits that he also possessed himself of a silver watch which is claimed by Samuel Merryman senr. as belonging to the estate of Nicholas Merryman senr. the father of the said Samuel and Nicholas Merryman which was devised by the said Samuel Merryman Merryman Senr. to the said Sarah Scott which grain was sown, this respondent did reap and take, claiming the said grain as his properly, and also the watch as aforesaid did take claiming the said watch as his properly, which actings and doings the said Scott & wife are ready to Justify by the law of the land as they in right ought to do and are ready to verefy and prove as this Worshipful court shall award, and Humbly pray to be hence dismissed with their reasonable costs and charges in this behalf unwrongfully sustained ~

William Moore for Respondents.

Baltimore county to wit. On the eleventh day of February 1787 came William Scott & Sarah his wife before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for the county aforesaid and being of the people called Quakers, did overally, solemnly affirm and declare that the allegation and facts contained in the answer annexed are true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Affirmed to before James Baker.

William Scott & Sarah his wife als Henry Stevenson	And the said William Scott and Sarah his wife in their own proper persons come and plead that this court ought not to take further cognizance of the bill or complaint aforesaid because they say,

the cause of complaint or action aforesaid if any arose or accrued to the said Henry Stevenson the complainant, it arose or accrued to the said Henry Stevenson out of the Jurisdiction of this court, that is to say within the Jurisdiction of the Baltimore county court to be holden for the county of Baltimore aforesaid & not in the Orphans Court Constituted and holden for Baltimore county aforesaid or else where within the Jurisdiction of the Baltimore county orphans court and this the said William Scott and Sarah his wife are ready to verify, whereupon they pray Judgment whether this court will take any further cognizance of the action or complaint aforesaid.

Wm. Scott. Sarah Scott