Court of this Dominion and that Richard Lee Gentleman deceased who attested the Copy of John Coutanceau's Deed Poll hereunto likewise annexed was Clerk of the Court of the said County of Northumberland and that James Fontaine Gentleman who attests the Copy of the said John Coutanceaus Will hereunto also annexed is the present Clerk of the Court of the said County of Northumberland and that full Faith and Credit is given throughout this Dominion to all things by them the said Mathew Kemp Richard Lee and James Fontaine so attested

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Colony to be affixed at Williamsburgh the Sixteenth Day of November MDCCXXXV in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George the Second

William Gooch

Virginia fs

At a General Court held at the Capitol April 29th 1735

William Taite and Anne his Wife Plts ag.t John Waughop . . . . . Deft. } In Trespass upon the Case

This Day came the Parties by their Attorneys and thereupon came a Jury to Wit Augustine Moore, Mathew Tenner, James Taylor Francis Mallory, William Dangerfield, James Fore, Nathaniel Clayborne James Waugh James Ball, Larkin Chew Thomas Clayborne and John Martin who being Elected tried and Sworn to Speak the truth upon the Issue Joined in this Suit upon their Oath do say that the Defendant is Guilty of the Conversion in the Declaration mentioned in manner and form as the Plts against him have declared and do assess the Damages of the Plts by occasion thereof besides their Costs to Twenty Eight Pounds Therefore it is considered by the Court that the said Plts recover against the said Defendant their Damages aforesaid in form aforesaid assessed and their Costs by them in this behalf Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &c.

Copy Test Matt: Kemp C. Gen.l Cur.

George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. To Henry Fleet William Ball Thomas Carter Richard Chichester and George Heale Gent. Greeting Know Ye that We trusting to your Fidelity and provident Circumspection in diligently Examining whatsoever Witnesses in and upon certain Interrogatories as well on the part of William Taite and Anne his Wife Plt. as on the part of John Waughop Defend.t We therefore command you or any two of you that at a certain Day and place which you shall appoint you Assemble your selves and the Witnesses aforesaid before you or any two of you, You call and cause to come and there in the Execution of the Premises you abide, until you have compleated the same and their Examinations into our General Court distinctly and openly without Delay you shall send and certifie inclosed returning also unto us this Writ Witness William Gooch Esq.r our Lieut Governor at Williamsburgh the Twenty Sixth Day of July in the Sixth Year of our Reign

Matt Kemp

Pursuant to a Dedimus Potestatem

Dated the 26th July 1732 directed to Henry Fleet Wm Ball. Thos Carter, Richard Chichester and George Heale Gent. or any two of them we Wm Ball & Richard Chichester Gent have in obedience thereto met and Examined the Witnesses in the Cause depending in the General Court between Wm Taite & Anne his wife Plts and John Waughop Deft as Followeth—

Interrogatories to be asked of David Ball, Sarah Ball & Charles Burgess

Interr.y 1 Did You know John Coutance of Northumberland County deceased and was you Conversant with him in his last Sickness —

Interr.y 2d Did you know any thing of his making his last Will & of making a certain writing at the same time or after and the reason for so doing

The Depositions of Wm Charles Burgess Wm Sarah Ball & Wm David Ball was Sworn to before us this 16th Day of Septem.r 1732 —

William Ball 1732
R Chichester

Moreover at the request of the Plt this is to Certifie that the Deft John Waughop was present when the Depositions abovemention were taken before us

William Ball 1732
R Chichester

The Deposition of David Ball aged forty Six Years or thereabouts being first Sworn Saith as Followeth

Answer to the first Interrogatory this Dept saith that he knew John Cowtance and was Conversant with him in his last Sickness

(Answer)