

of obtaining a decree for her own exclusive benefit during his absence and without his knowledge, and that all the other matters and allegations in the bills are correct.

This answer was sworn to before a master in chancery in New York, and certified by the mayor of the city of New York, under the corporation seal, in the usual manner.

26th June, 1830.—BLAND, Chancellor.—This case standing ready for hearing, the solicitors of the parties were heard, and the proceedings read and considered.

After passing over the will of the late *Carsten Newhaus*, and the various allegations of the parties, it appears from the proofs, that the testator's sister, *Geshe Adelheid Newhaus*, called ——— *Bowers*, of Bremen, in the will, was married to *Frederick Bauer*, of that place, on the 8th of July, 1807, and that she died on the 5th of January following; after having had but two children; the first, *Catherine Steinhauer*, an illegitimate child, born before her marriage, and who died, unmarried and without issue, on the 16th of July, 1817; and the second a legitimate child, *Anna G. Bauer*, born on the 27th of August, 1807, after her marriage with *Bauer*; this sister of the testator never had any other children; and that *Anna G. Bauer* was, on the 23d of November, 1826, married to, and is now the wife of *Diederich Meier*.

It further appears, that the other sister of the testator, one of these plaintiffs, *Anna Gebetha Margareta Newhaus*, was born in Germany, and christened there on the 17th of February, 1775; that some time before the year 1800, she had an illegitimate child named *Frederick A. Wandelohr*, who is now living; that prior to the year 1815, she and her child came over from Germany to Maryland; and some time previous to the year 1816, having put off the name of *Newhaus*, she went to reside in Chambersburg, in Pennsylvania; and there kept a small store; and was much respected by the name of *Mrs. Wandelohr*. At that place, on the 12th of October, 1819, in the forty-fourth year of her age, she was married to this defendant *Lewis Helms*. In the latter end of the month of November following, *Helms* and his wife came to Baltimore; and in a few days after their arrival, he caused a power of attorney, and a last will to be prepared by a notary public, intending them to be executed by his wife, for the purpose, as he supposed, of effectually conveying to him all her interest in the estate of the late *Carsten Newhaus*. She positively refused to sign and execute those instruments; and was much distressed at