

Lib. R. R. R.

Whereas Anne Tovey widow and Relict of Samuel Tovey late of Kent County decd: hath by her letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of December last to M<sup>r</sup> Robert Carvile, and recorded in our Office for probate of wills &c<sup>a</sup> most grossly abused and scandalized Maj<sup>r</sup> James Ringold of the said County of Kent in his fame and good name, pretending and alledging that he the said Ringold contrary to all Law justice and equity had (upon the decease of her s<sup>d</sup> husband) by violent meanes and much threats extorted from her some papers left by the said Tovey in her custody, and otherwise endeavor'd under hand to debarr her from her due Adm<sup>r</sup>con of the Estate of her said decd: husband, with intent and designe onely to take the same upon himself, fraudulently to deceive her and the Children of the s<sup>d</sup> Tovey, and other persons Credito<sup>rs</sup> to the said Estate of their just due right and property as by the Complaint of the said Ringold wee have received. Wee therefore willing to know the truth of the premisses, and to doe right as well unto the said Ringold as all other persons concerned have thought fitt by these p<sup>r</sup>sents to Authorise and empower you the said Henry Coursey, William Lawrence, and William ffrisby, or any two of you, whereof you the said Henry Coursey to be

p. 79 One, at some convenient time and place when and where you shall think fitt to appoint, soe speedily as may be to call and summons to appeare before you as well the said Anne Tovey, as the said James Ringold, and make due examination thereinto, both from their owne allegations and from the oathes and Depositions of what Evidences shall be produced unto you by either the parties aforementioned, to whom you have hereby full power and authority given you to administer oathes to declare and make unto you true Evidence and Testimony to the best of their knowledge, unto what shall be required of them on part of either the said Tovey or Ringold. Upon due heareing and mature deliberation whereof you are to make your report unto us and our Council at our City of S<sup>t</sup> Maries with all convenient speed: And for soe doing this shall be your Sufficient power and Authority. Given under our hand and Seale at Armes the nine and Twentieth Day of March in the nineth yeare of our Dominion &c. Annoq Dmi. One thousand Six hundred Eighty and ffour.