

civill and kind, and watched with the said M^r Tovey the night before he dyed, and brought with him some brandy from his owne house to accomodate the people then p^rsent: ffor any other thing enquired off he knows nothing And further saith not

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Hans Hanson's Depos:

Hans Hanson aged 37 yeares being duely sworne & examined at request of Maj^r James Ringold Saith

That he was at the house of M^r Samuel Tovey the day of his death and that he came to doe some business with him, but seeing the said M^r Tovey very ill did forbear speakeing to him, and after a very short time the said M^r Tovey dyed, and it was discoursed by those then p^rsent whither he might not have a will: as to the sight of any goods demanded by Major Ringold he knows nothing, as to the keys they were delivered by the said Anne Tovey to Josias Lanham, and the said Josias and the said Anne went into the Store and other places to search for a will, and it was agreed by the partyes present that this Deponent should goe to the said Josias and Anne to search for a will; and after some time this Deponent standing at the Store doore, the said Anne (being in the Store) threw open the doore, and said she did not care if a hundred persons came to see what was there, upon which this Deponent went into the said Store with Maj^r Ringold; As to the breakeing open any chests it was with the consent of the said Anne, whither any body did ask her consent he is not certain, but to the best of his knowledge it was asked: This Deponent saith that he did heare the said Anne (severall times since her husbands decease) wish that she had lett Maj^r Ringold administer upon her deceased husbands Estate but that she was advised to the contrary, but by whom this Deponent never heard her name, as to Maj^r Ringold saying as he was a Justice of peace, and his Sonn in Law a Constable, that he would give a warrant to search, This Deponent saith there was some such discourse, and it was demanded by Maj^r Ringold of William Harris whither he might not answer it. But said Deponent verily beleives there was noe ill intent in any One then p^rsent but onely for the good of M^r Toveys Children in England, and the said Deponent verily beleives that Major Ringold has been very much abused concerning what was then done, in what has been since reported of him in said Letter sent by M^{rs} Tovey, as to any thing done at the house of M^r Tovey the 14th of November, This Deponent knows nothing, and further saith not

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