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Deponent saith that what was putt in the Letter sent by Mrs Lib. R. R. R. Tovey to Mr Carvile was not any discourse from any one to the said Mrs Tovey, but in the whole Company as they sate with the Corps in the greate roome: as to any other thing mentioned in the said Letter, and likewise of any thing done at the house of said Mr Tovey November the 14th this Dept knowes nothing & further saith not

Josias Lanham

W^m Hodges Depos:

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William Hodges aged 44 yeares being duely sworne & Examined at request of Maj^r Ringold Saith

That he was at the house of M^r Samuel Tovey the day upon which the said Tovey dyed, with severall other persons then

present

As to a sight of all the goods demanded by Maj' Ringold of the then widow Tovey, he knows not any thing, neither did he see or heare the said Major Ringold concerne himself in any thing more then any other present at that time as to the saying of Major Ringold, as he was a Justice of peace, and his Sonn in Law a Constable, This Dept did not heare him say any such thing, but saith it was spoken by the Company prsent, or most part of them, whither they might not search for a will; it was the opinion of all or most part that it might be done, and Major Ringold did ask of William Harris then preent, whither it might not be done with safety said Harris replyed he knew not neither whither Mr Tovey were lawfully married or not to the said Ann the then widow. As to the promiseing the said Anne by Majr Ringold, that if he did administer; she should have a Chamber furnished, he knows nothing. As to any papers then spoken off, Maj Ringold did desire that the key of a Locker in the said roome where Mr Tovey dyed might be carefully secured by some or other, ffor he said he was concerned in some papers in the said place; This Deponent further saith that he verily beleives there was not any one then present at Mr Toveys death that did intend any Evill to any person, but onely for the good of Mr Toveys Children in England, neither was there at that time any difference by any ill words by Majr Ringold to the then widow Mrs Tovey as to any thing done at the house of Mr Samuel Tovey the 14th of November he knows nothing. And further saith not.

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