

Lib. H. D. M^r Lionel Copley informed this Depon^t so made void the former proceedings of George Plater Esq^r & this Depon^t; the said eldest Son & heir in pursuance to the advice given him made Choice of Coll Nehemiah Blackiston & this Depon^t to be Administrators on his ffathers Estate in his behalfe, his sister and Young brother, and signified the same to M^r Kenelm Cheseldyn then Commissionated Co^mmissary Gen^l by his Ex^{ncy} S^r Edmond Andros; vpon the said Commissary's pervsall of the Will and finding it not to be perfected, he Rejected, Vacated & declared the same to be Void in Law, however Granted Letters of Administracon to Coll Blackiston and this Depon^t vpon their Giving Oath as the Law directs;

p. 97 the said Commissary Approved of three Judicious Men that were Nominated Appraisers who were by him likewise sworn; When they had Appraised what was brought to their sight & knowledge, they delivered to this Depon^t an Inventory signed & Sealed by them amounting to the Sum^e of One thousand One hundred thirty two pound Nineteen shillings & ten pence half penny, Dated the 14th day of October, in a few dayes Coll Blackiston departed this life, then this Depon^t (as by his Councill was and is advised) became sole Administrator, and proceeded to the paym^t of the said Governor Copleys just Debts in the Countrey being duely proved, he having no legall or timely Caution to Reserve any part of the said Estate in his hands for the paym^t of any Debt due to their Ma^{ty} either by S^r Edmond Andros Cap^t Generall at his first or second coming or (in his absence) the presidents and Councill, or any of their Ma^{ty} Receivers within this Province Untill this Depon^t had paid to diverse persons as farr as the Estate was appraised at and Amounted to, as by this Depon^{ts} Accompts and Receipts exhibited into the Commissary Gen^{ls} Office more fully appears, which is by the Laws of this Province and constitution of the same full and due Administration, as this Depon^t is by his Councill informed; this Depon^t further saith that some time in June last past, Esq^r Randolph their Maj^{ty}s Surveyo^r Generall desired or Ordered him to Reserve what Effects of the said Governor Copleys Estate remained in his hands and pay no farther, for there was a Debt due to the King w^{ch} was of a higher Nature than any other Debts or to that Effect not declaring by what meanes Governor Copley became indebted to their Maj^{ty}s or in what Sum^e, but speaking generally; soon after their Ma^{ty}s Attorney Gen^l caused a Writ to be issued out against this Depon^t as Administrator of Lionel Copley at their Ma^{ty}s Suit, some time after that, this Depon^t was served with

p. 98 a Writ of Quominus, as he Understood it to be, by the Order of M^{rs} Elizabeth Blackiston the Relict of Coll Nehemiah Blackiston their Maj^{ty}s Collector & Receiver for Potomock