

Lib. H. D. the Oath of an Adm^r was render'd vncapable thereof and by his consent the said Lingan the other Attorney had Letters of Adm^{con} granted to him to the vses afores^d and the s^d Craufords Adm^{con} therevpon Revoked & Ordered to Render an Aco^t of his Adm^{con} to M^r Lingan the present Adm^r And pursuant thereto the s^d Lingan exhibitted a Libell in the Commissaries Office against the s^d Crauford setting forth that Crauford had by Virtue of the former Letters of Adm^{con} possessed himself of the whole Estate, and the better to colour his detaining the same, he had perswaded Richard Harrison for to take his
 p. 235 own Obligation for the paym^t of 660^l sterl due to the said Harrison from the s^d Estate, to be paid in three years time, and in like manner dealt with some other of the Chief Credito^{rs} telling them the Estate was much indebted in England and that there would Debts of a higher nature appear, therefore would not run the hazard of paying anything otherwise than he had proposed; the said suggestion being vtterly false, that he could run any hazard having at that time in his hands, Effects in Debts, Mortgages Negro's, Servants & Cattell &c^a to the Value of above 2000^l sterl Wherevpon such Proceedings were made in the Commissaries Office that after an Answer to the said Libell put in, and a Replication & Rejoynder thereon, the Commissary vpon a full hearing of the matter on both sides did sentence & decree that the said Crauford should Restore into the possession of the Libellant, the Negro's, Servants, Cattell &c^a And that the Libellant should see the s^d Crauford discharged & fully released from his Bond given to Richard Harrison for the paym^t of 660^l sterl & in short to reinburse all Charges he had been out or what Debts he had actually paid, in which the s^d Estate was really indebted & incumber'd with however the s^d Crauford not resting contented with such a sentence, finding the same would totally dispossess him of all, and so he miss of his Aim in Enriching himself thereby, gave him occasion to Appeal therefrom, and accordingly moved his Excell in Councill to constitute a Court of Delegates for to Examin the s^d sentence &c^a to which end & purpose a Commission issued Empowering the Delegates therein nominated to Command the whole proceedings before them & vpon their fully hearing the same, to give Sentence accordingly; that the said Court vpon hearing the matter did adjudge th^t the Agreem^t by the s^d James Crauford (former Adm^r) Entred into for paym^t of the aforementioned Summe of 660^l sterl to Richard Harrison principall Credito^r was sufficient discharge to the Estate of the s^d John Abington dec^d for so much, and for that Reason did adjudge that part of the sentence void whereby the s^d Article was dissolved. Wherevpon the s^d Crauford detaining all in his