

by his exprefs direction, whether it be at the top, bottom, or margin of the paper, it is effectual; and fealing hath alfo been held to be a fufficient figning. 3 Lev. 1—Gilb. 93—Str. 764. Contra. 1 Wilfon 313.

Tho' figned in private, and alone, yet being acknowledged to be his hand, and declared to be his will, held fufficient. 2 P. Will. 506—3 P. Will. 254.

The witeffes to a will, under this ftatute of 29 Car. 2, ought to be difinterefted, to be *credible*, and therefore a legatee was not admitted to be a witeffes. Str. 1254. Witeffes to wills; when legal and when not.

If the witeffes fhould die before the teftator, or before their examination, a proof of their hand writing will be admitted.

By the 25 Geo. 2, ch. 6, it is enacted, that if any beneficial devife, legacy or appointment affecting the real or perfonal eftate (other than for payment of debts) be made to a witeffes to a will, or codicil made after June 24 1752, the devife, &c. fo far as concerns the witeffes fhall be void, and he fhall be admitted as a witeffes.