

The said Hawley for the said four hundred Acres of Land and shortly after
 going to the house of the said Nicholas Guyther Mary wife of the said
 Nicholas told the Def^t the said W^m Hawley lay very desperately sick
 and the Country being taken as aforesaid and her husband a condemned
 man the said W^m Hawley was minded to settle the said Land according to
 his former promises on her husband and as she should direct and she
 knowing the Def^t to be concerned in part of the said Land asked his advice
 which way the said W^m Hawley might settle the same to prevent a seizure
 by the Govern men the Def^t sayth true it is that he did advise the said Mary
 that the best way was to have the said Hawley settle the same on the Compt^t
 being an infant of about a year old which would best secure the same
 to the said Nicholas and shortly after the said W^m Hawley dyed and the
 Def^t coming after to the said Guythers house asked the said Mary
 if the said William Hawley had settled the said Land as hee the Def^t
 had advised to which she answered hee had and thereupon fetcht a paper
 sealed upp and to the best of his Remembrance shee told him the same paper
 was the said W^m Hawleys last will where upon the Def^t would have opened
 it & read it but the said Mary hindered him saying it should not be opened till
 her husband came into the Country but whether the same paper was W^m Hawleys
 will or not he knoweth not or that thereby the Compt^t had any title to the
 promises and he denyes all combination wth any person to defeat the Compt^t and
 he knoweth nothing of the said will or ever see the same or a copy thereof
 or read or heard the same read or that the same was suppressed or concealed
 or mislaid in the Rebellion tyme or whether thereby the promises were devised
 to the Compt^t nor any thing else in relation to the said will then as aforesaid
 sayth that after Hawleys death Nicholas Guyther was in possession of all the
 promises (except what the said Hawley or Guyther had sold before the death
 of the said Hawley for the said Guyther had power from the said Hawley
 in his last tyme to sell the said land as the said Def^t had often heard the
 said Hawley owne) but what was sold he knoweth not And the Def^t having
 bargained and agreed for the said four hundred acres of Land as aforesaid &
 paid part as aforesaid and there being about Two thousand pounds of
 Tobacco unpaid of the purchase and the said Nicholas being returned againe
 and the Province reduced to his Lordships obedience and the Def^t having had
 (appearance)