

Governo: of this Province being at the house of the deceased, Lord Nathaniel Blackiston and Mr John Lewellin shewd this Depont an Instrument of Writing which Mr Lewellin informd this Depont was according to the deceas'ds Order, And he intended to sign and declare it to be his last Will & Testament, but it pleas'd God to take him to himself before he could accomplish the same in which Writing this Depont found nominated (as Trust:es to take care and Manage the said Governors Estate after his Decease) Lord Nathaniel of Blackiston, Lord Nicholas Cr.:nb.:ng, George Slater Esq. Mr John & Mr Lewellin and this Depont; Lord Blackiston being then Commissary Gen: could not take upon him the Administration, Mr Lewellin excus'd himself likewise having so much publick business to do, they perswad'd George Slater Esq and this Depont (being nominated by his Ex:ney) to take out Letters of Adm:con on the deceas'ds Estate, accordingly they did, but before they proceeded to Appraisment Sr Edmond Andros arriv'd in this Province, and after he was admitt'd to Act as Captain General (as this Depont was inform'd) His Ex:ney inquired how Governor Lophy had dispos'd of his Estate, upon which the sd:st Son and heir of the deceas'd shew'd his Ex:ney his Fathers intended Will, upon perusal of which his Ex:ney advis'd the said sd:st Son & heir of the deceas'd or acquaint'd him it was his right and in his possession to choose whom he pleas'd to administer on his Fathers Estate in his & the other Childrens behalfs, as the said Mr Lionel Lophy inform'd this Depont; so made void the former proceedings of George Slater Esq & this Depont; the said sd:st Son & heir in pursuance to the advice giv'n him made choice of Lord Nathaniel Blackiston & this Depont to be Administrators on his Fathers Estate in his behalfs, his sister and young brother, and off: signify'd the same to Mr Kenelm Cheseloyne then Commissioned Commissary Gen: by his Ex:ney Sr Edmond Andros, upon the said Commissarys perusal of the Will and finding it not to be perfect, he reject'd & vacat'd & declar'd the same to be void in Law, however granted Letters of Administration to Lord Blackiston and this Depont, upon their giving Oath as the Law direct, the said Commissary approved of three

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