

at least and that they were generally mute when
he was under so great a disorder & distraction
of mind that he was absolutely incapable of the
deliberation and reflection & proper disposition of his
estate required of which he himself was so sensible
when he recovered of his disorders and apprehensive
that he might injure your Libellant that he constantly
destroyed these writings and often said that if ever he
should make a will in favour of any other Person than your
Libellant that it would be in a time of his distraction
that he said John Gibb having made a will whereby he
gave all his estate to your Libellant he declared that if
Twenty Wills of a posterior date should appear after his
Death that that would be properly his last Will and
that it ought to be so deemed and your Libellant further
sheweth unto your honour that the said John Gibb
had several Negroes about his house and Plantation
where he lived and that they being the disorder he was
subject to entertained hopes of making their advantage
of it and would therefore when he was under any
distracted of mind Refuse to work till they had obtained
or extorted a Promise from him that he would manumit
them at his death and your Libellant further sheweth
unto your Excellency that the said John Gibb was seized
of a fit of sickness on the day of in the year sixteen
hundred & forty which continued till his death on
the said John Gibb during this disorder was for the
most part not of sound and disposing memory
and understanding and in this condition of being