

that he has seen the Parties Libellant & Respondents but never had any Personal Acquaintance with them

To the second Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he knew John Gibbs the Respondents Testator four or five years before his Death and that he believes the said John Gibbs died in the year 1747.

To the third & fourth Interrogatories this Deponent saith he knows nothing of them

To the fifth Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he came to this Deponent in the Month of May or June preceeding the death of the said John Gibbs to the best of this Deponents Remembrance, with direction to draw the said John Gibbs Will upon which this Deponent went to the house of the said John Gibbs and having conversation with him the said John Gibbs about the disposition of his Estate the said John Gibbs informed this Deponent that he apprehended that he the said John Gibbs could not live long and that he was determined to set his Negroes free and divide his lands amongst his Negroes whereupon the said John Gibbs gave this Deponent an account of the Number and Names of his Negroes and desired him this Deponent to draw his Will in such a manner as to set his Negroes free and secure his Lands to them the Number of the said Negroes being thirty that this Deponent Reasoned with the said John Gibbs and endeavoured to persuade him from setting so great a Number of Negroes free telling him that he thought he might make the said Negroes useful to some of his Friends or Relations and set them free at the Age of Twenty one Twenty five or Thirty years upon which the said Gibbs desired this Deponent to