

purporting his last Will to the Number of five or six at least and that they were generally made when he was under so great Discomposure and distraction of Mind that he was absolutely incapable of the Deliberation and reflection a 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 those 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 the Time of his Distraction that the 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 & Plantation where he lived and that they seeing the disorder he was subject to entertained hopes of making their Advantage of it and would therefore when he was under any Distraction 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 honour that the said John Gibb was seized of a fit of Sickness on the _____ day of _____ in the year Seventeen hundred and forty _____ which continued till his Death that the said John Gibb during this Disorder was for the most part not of sound and disposing Mind Memory and Understanding and in this Condition of Body and Mind he made a Will thereby setting free Nineteen Negroes & leaving to them all his Substance except a mere trifle and appointing James Maffey the Elder and John Hadley the Elder Executors of the said Will as by reference being had to the said Will (to which this Libellant craves leave to refer) may more fully and at large appear and your Libellant further sheweth unto your honour