

believe it to be true that the said John Gibbs soon after the Death of his Wife and upwards of twelve years ago did make a Will and thereby leave the greatest part of his Estate to the Libellant but they believe the Undutifull and heedless carriage of the Libellant induced him to Destroy it they likewise believe that their Testator about a year before his Death made another Will and thereby left the Libellant the sum of one Hundred and Fifty Pounds but the Libellant showing great uneasiness that she had not more left to her and behaving very Undutifull to the said John Gibbs he destroyed that Will likewise and these Respondents absolutely deny that they ever heard the Testator say that if he ever made any Will in favour of any other Person but the Libellant it would be in times of his Distraction or if any Posterior Will of his appeared the Will in favour of the Libellant should be his last Will and that it ought to be so deemed as in the Libell is undouedly set forth and these Respondents further say that they have heard that the Testator Negroes in his Life time refused to work for him unless he would promise to Manumit them at the time of his Death but these Respondents do not know it to be true. These Respondents further say that the said John Gibbs on or about the twenty Sixth day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty seven did make such Will as in Libell is set forth which said Will is remaining amongst the Records of this honourable Court to which for greater Certainty they refer and these Respondents admit that they proved the said Will on the Twenty second Day of October in the Year seventeen hundred and forty seven which was soon after the Death of their Testator but they gave the Libellant timely notice of their Intention to prove the Will so that she might have proved a caveat to be entered against it if she had a mind to have done it and these Respondents say that if the Libellant had told them that she intended to have Objected to the Probate of the Will they would have Delayed proving it and of taking out the letters of administration thereon as long as she pleased and these Respondents