

at several times expressed his consciousness of and concern for the injustice he had done the Libellant and his other Relations and declared his intention to give them the chief part of his Estate. The influence the Negroes of the said John Gibb had on him is further proved by his Treatment of Mr. Garrison the Virginian for only complaining of a Negro Woman and Misbehaviour from all which it seems to the Judge that the said John Gibb was compelled by fear of his slaves and other unlawfulness to make the Will or Pretended Will in dispute and that it was rather the will of his slaves than his own because the establishing a Will so obtained is not only contrary to Law and Justice but would be the greatest encouragement to the slaves of Persons in the situation John Gibb was in to compel their Masters to give their Estates to them in prejudices of their Masters own Relations which would be very dangerous and inconvenient therefore the said Judge doth Order Decree Determine and Adjudge and it is hereby Ordered Decreed Determined and Adjudged that the Pretended Will of John Gibb in the Proceedings mentioned is null and void and of no effect and that the same shall be so held and deemed and that the Letters Testamentary thereon granted to the Speculators therein named be Revoked and made null and void and that Administration of the goods and chattles of the said John Gibb be granted to the Libellant as nearest of kin to the said John Gibb within this Province unless some other Person nearer of kin to the said John Gibb shall appear and claim the Administration by the last day of August this present year and in either case that security be given according to Law and forasmuch as the Speculators named in the said Pretended Will do not appear to have been guilty of any Male Practice in Relation to it but as they thought themselves highly appointed were obliged to contest the suit instituted for Vacating the said Pretended Will Therefore what they have done as Speculators is hereby by established and confirmed and it is hereby further Ordered Adjudged and Decreed that all the Cost Charges and Expenses they have been laid in either in the Administration or defence of this cause shall be taken out of the Personal Estate whereof the said John Gibb died ~~for~~