It was in order to carry part of it into Execution, that ye Papers were laid before Mr Forrester, coz. to draw a Will, so as to protect her from her Husband— Mrs S might think, he was consulted on the Trust, but he was not— Mrs G had no doubt of her being a Trustee, she only wanted information, how best to conform her Will to Ps intent; in creating her so; however if the Gent: please, let Mrs S have been consulted upon ye Trust, it does not prove her Doubts— in 1760, she gives the Proceeds to her daur; in 1762. when she was less able, she makes another Will for the same purpose: By neither Will is any thing given but the Proceeds: in the Codicil indeed, she has 40000l. The 2d Will bears the strongest marks of some undue Influence, & not knowing what she did; & tho' the Ct cannot determine the Qu: Trust, or no Trust? yet I will venture to say, that seeing a Truste making an inofficious Will as Truste, & a Mother, it will look very narrowly into the Evidence— I dont say she was an Idiot, but I may venture to say, she was a very weak woman; that at the mechanical Execution, she was imposed on, she labourd under a temporary Incapacity; it appears she was in the Hands of People who wd impose on her, & that she was so imposed on— The mere Opinions of Ws are not sufficient on either Side; they must give Reasons for such their Opinions: Our Ws do, Wright says, she talked so to him, & forced such strange Stuff into Conversation, that he concluded she was out of her Senses— Haslom says, who ever had a mind to address himself to impose on her, might very easily do it, & tho' she does not in expres terms, give the reason, yet it is very naturally to be collected from her Evidence, that she was a very weak Woman, talking to every body of her daurs Conduct & Misbehavior & of Eyres ill Usage of her, there is a fact too wch will shew her being so; this her going on a visit to Cs house: he was only an accidental acquaintance, & says he had not seen her 18 months; the reason of her visiting him, is as strange, as her behavior when she is there; what! because she did not chuse to live in Surry Street, cd she find no House, without going to that of a Person, who was rather, a slight Acquaintance; she tells him her private affairs; she gives this Stranger 500l bids him take care of it, without so much as taking a Note of him for it; I mention these Circumstances, only to shew, how easy she was to be imposed on— W. is said to be an old Acquaintance, so he might; but every old Acquaintance, is not consequently an intimate friend, as such there cd be no reason for her leaving him 20000l in reversion— W. cd not be a very intimate friend, for he once applied to her, to lend him some money, yet notwithstanding the great regard wch she is pretended to have had for him, she wd not lend honest Ben Wood 200l. tho, Eyre, who was then her Privy Councillor endeavoured to persuade her; yet she cd not deny him face to face, wch is another strong Instance of Weakness: she cd deny nobody anything; She dont lend the Money; W. dont take it amiss; he sticks close; he gets his Wife to invite her to Parsons Green; she might want the air possibly; she went for a few Weeks, or 2 days, & staid Months— This Will too is contrary to Mr Woods own Declaration, if Eyres Evidence is to be believed; & I know of nothing said to impeach it; he says that in Novr 1762. when W. brought Mrs Strode 50l from her Mother, as a Quarters allowance, she refused, to sign the Receipt for it, & said, I wish they may not impose a Will upon her; to wch W. answers, I am well assured, she has made no other than that you know of; & I do not believe, she will ever make

another; Mrs Strode might be of inflammatory matter, she might think, & probably did, that she had a right to the Whole therefore rejected the Offer of 50l but how cd W. with any degree of propriety, assert a thing, so contrary to his own knowledge he is conscious of deserving some Imputation; he wants to shew he was seldom at Parsons Green; he was always there from Sat: urday to M. or Tu: half the Week, from their own shewing, & sometimes he comes in the middle of the Week, he was fetched by Mr Goughs Coach, & she used to carry him; but if she never was there at all, is there no agent? I dont say they locked the door; it is the mind they fettered: they have attempted to prove an Absence for a long while at Canterbu: ry, in wch they have greatly failed; for it appears he went Oct: 5th & returnd 12th & Mrs W. was not gone 8 days; the pleading this not proving it, shews, a suspicious Endeavour to ex: culpate himself— It was the People from Surry Street they were afraid of, any body else might come, ye Restriction was agt them; the Coachman says he was not sent by Mr Gough, but he dont say, he was not sent by Davis: the very Question, "how came you by ye knowledge? shews ye Desire of Secrecy; they put her in a Passion by refuseing to let her see her Mother, & then say, that wd a reason why they did not let her: such Treatment wd make any body angry: the Qu: is, how the Mother takes it, not how the Daur behaves? Davis was turned out of the Room on ye daurs coming in, but returned as soon as she was gone, & Deed being asked, wh: she was not very glad to see her daur, replyd, she was overjoyd at it; wd she have said this if she had thought herself so grossly affronted, as is pre: tended, & is it likely Deed she'd give Orders to, not to ad: mit her daurs next Visit, after expressing so much Joy at seeing her the first time; this is not consistent— I must observe, too, that they are in mala fide, at Least Wood & Langdale, for they have sworn in ye Affidavit of Scripts, they know of no other Will or Codicil, than this last, yet Eyre & Gwynn swear to their attesting, the Will of 1760, & Langdale him: self was a subscribeing Wn to it; Wood is still more culpable he has that first Will in his possession, & gave it to Sparkes to serve as Instructions for this latter Will— She was in ye hands of Persons who lie under some Suspicions, they ought therefore to have been more cautious in their Affids W. waits on Sparkes ten times; he brings the ready prepard Will & Codicil, to this weak old woman; it is immaterial wh: she read over the Will to them, or wh: it was read over to her? I must now refer to the Will, as proof, she did not, cd not know the Contents, I must not omit, that this Stranger who heard her, did not ask her any Questions as to her understanding it, or as to ye Instructi: ons— there is no Imputation on Mr Sparkes general Character, it is a very fair one; but Gent: of ye Law never make a Will except they have Access to the Testator, & are acquainted with him, they chuse to be satisfied that ye Instructions come from him; to receive at ten different times Instructions from a Person, to make an absolute Stranger's Will, wd naturally excite a desire to speak to ye Testator himself ab: it: their coming thro, ye Channel of a third Person, wd have deterred ye Gent: of the Profession: it is very difficult, nay almost impossible to say, wh: a Person is sane, & of Capacity sufficient to make a Will, from seeing that Person once: she leaves large Sums in Charity; such Bequests always accompany Imposition: Deed expresses no resentment agt her daur, why shd she