=cured her Assistance from others, for whom she always expressed the greatest friendship; you will find, D. & R. persuaded Decd to give more to her Relations, than she at first intended; & that of the aff.d 5000£. 4075£ is bequeathd by the Will, including 100£ to each of the Exors – That the 2 Sons & Daur. of her Nece Mr. Descrambes have each 500£, with a right of Survivorship; & Sarah, Anne, & Jane Cowper 20£ apiece with the same Benefit – 500£ is left in trust to the Exors to apply amongst Poor Baptists; Eliz. Cripps, & Ch. Thompson. 30£ for wearing Apparel George Slack 50£.

14 Nov: 1764. H. C. died, on wch day the Exors proved the Will; Jn Clowds the Husb.d appearing personally & consenting thereto. soon after which, a Citation issued at the Suit of the Husb.d to prove by Wt. or to shew Cause why Admon sh.d not be granted to J.C. the Husb.d of the Decd, as dying intestate?

Fountain appeard for the Exors, propounded the Will, which Bishop opposed; Fountain gave an Allon, wch was admitted & 5 Wt examined thereon, viz. Merton, Stills, & Ewer the subscribing Wt to the Will; Cockayne & Benn who prove the Execution of the Indre; The Instructions are in Robinsons handwriting; Stills on entering into Decd's Bedch.r said to Decd I have rec.d Instructions from Mr Robinson for making your Will; shall I read them; Dec: answerd yes, by all means; Keene, says, when the Persons abovement.d came into Decd's Chamber, she went out of her own accord, but listend in the adjoining Room, & heard the Will read over; Cripps (who is a very adverse Wt) says she was bid to go out of the Room, but yet admits she heard the Will read over, & the Legacy given to her; She likewise observes, that on 2d Nov.r when D. & R. were gone, Decd said to her, I have given Instructions for my Will – In the Draft of the Will of 1 Oct.r 1764. D. & R. are Exors. Pending this Suit Jn Clowds is dead leaving 3 Exors Ed. Reilly In Wellings, Wm Jubb, the latter wo: not appear, wch obliges us to proceed in panam agt him.

Altham after intervening on the part of Jos.h Butler as Guardian of the Grand Nephew (Grand Nicles,) & giving an Allon wo: proceed no farther.

Bishop on behalf of J.C. gave an Allon, exam: 5 Wt thereon... Cripps, contradicts herself, is contradicted by every body else; Gotledge, says Dec: wo: drink Rum, & some time before her death, thereby rendered herself ... stupid, but wh.r so as to be incapable, knows not.

Rawlings, speaks to Decd drinking a Quart of Spirits a day, but it is to be observd he never saw her after the 8th of August....

Baskerville, is their Attorney

Slack, has seen her drink a Glass of Rum, & has himself brought her Rum, & thinks she was incapable, yet he admits about 3 Weeks before her death, (viz. 29 Oct.r) he came to settle an acc.t with her, brought her Money, & desird her to sign a Receipt for it; he says on 1 Nov.r he saw the Decd who was then quite dull & he knows, was incapable of giving Instructions for a Will to 12 Jnt. Says, he used to bring Decd Bills, & settled the Acc.ts himself to 15 Jnt. Brought Decd an Acc.t 29 Oct: of Moneys expended from 8 to 20 Oct: in which there is but one Item for Liquor. viz.a Bottle of Madeira; He adds he never thought her capable, but she talkd sensibly the first part of the time she was at Hum=merton; It is remarkable that Slack is one of J.C.'s Resid.y Leg.s & yet J.C. always esteemd him a Rogue, & called him so.

× Pleading Drunken=ness, Incapacity in the Decd

When Mrs C's Will was read, & he heard she had given Slack a Legacy of 50£ – Cripps says Decd drank a Quart a day, & was in=capable of disposing of her Estate; She observes that J.C. visited Decd every Day to her Death, in a very friendly manner, & that she never observd any Cause of Decd bearing him any ill Will; yet to 13 Jnt. Cripps admits being knocked down by J.C. for interposing between them, & taking Decd's Part one day when they had quarrelled She says, She never dru money of J.C. Since H. C's death, save borrowing 20£ of him, wch she was to repay, when H. C's Will was established in wch she was a Legatee

In contradiction to this Plea, Fountain gave a 2d Allon pleading Capacity & denying that Decd was addicted to drinking Spirituous Liquors to excess: on this Plea 15 Wt are examined, who all speak to the Decd's Capacity; amongst others the Physician & 2 Apothe=caries who attended, say they never saw her in Liquor, tho, they visited her at different Hours of the day, & think if she had addicted herself to Spirituous Liquors, they must have known it; most of the Wt speak to the bad Character of the Husband & his Ill Usage of his Wife; Keen says, amongst various proofs of Capacity in the Decd, that she prepard for executing the Will in question, by ordering Breakfast to be got ready for the Persons she expected; Keen also speaks to subsequent Declarations of the Dec: in favor of the Will; that once seeing her sorrowful she asked Dec: if she had taken care whom she trusted, in her Will, she replyd yes, the Exors were honest Men –

Dr Marriot – I am Council in behalf of the Exors of Jn Clowds, whilst living the true & lawfull Husband of H. Clowds, who appears to have been a poor, ignorant, drunken, stupid Woman, who by the contrivance of Mr Davis & Mr Robinson made no less than 3 Wills between August & November; the first is dated 15 Aug.t 1764. the very day the Indre was signed, soon after wch Mr Davis carried the Decd to his House, & persuaded her to make a Will, in wch he was named Resid.y Legatee – the 2d Will is dated 1 October, & the 3d Will 3 Nov.r 1764 in both which Lewis Davis & Jn Robinson are Exors & Resid.y Legatees. It is said, the Will was read over, to the Husband, who approved it; I admit it, but his Approbation was conditional, if fairly come by, wch he thought the Case when he consented to the Probate, but afterwards finding it otherwise applied to this Ct for Redress; You are told J & H C. were separated; they did live separate from each other, having continual Differences on account of the Decd ad=dicting herself to drinking Spirituous Liquors to excess; You will observe the difference, in the Signatures, of the different Sheets of the Will, in the first Mrs C's hand writing is strong, in the rest very weak the Inference I wo: deduce from thence, is, that she was in extre=mis when she signd it, & laying other Circumstances together, must have been incapable; the Witnesses who attested, are People brought from a distance, Strangers to the dec: the Parties concernd are aware to the Husband being acquainted with the Transaction;

× not ye first of 15 August.....

The Instructions for all the Wills are in Robinsons handwriting; the Will of 3 Nov: when read over to Decd, was approved by her only by Signs; It was brought to her engrossed, wch is very un=usual; Mr Lewer has annexd to his Affid.t of Scripts, the Instruc=tions for the Will of 3 Nov.r in those Instructions 2 legacies to Mrs Descrambes & Mrs Tull of 500£ each are ordered to be left out; I wo: be glad to see the Paper in wch they were inserted, they are not in the Will of 1 October, therefore unnecessary to be struck out, as they did not exist, unless some Paper is secreted, which I must suppose, as