

North Carolina }
New Hanover, }

James Blyth of Wilmington in the said County, maketh oath, that on Sunday the second day of September, one thousand seven hundred and seventy, he was in the room, where the late William Ward lay sick, and being apprehensive that he would not recover, this deponent asked him if he had settled his affairs, Mr Ward replied that he had not any affairs to settle; that he had no relations that he knew of, but mentioned one that was living, about twenty years ago, and said he would be aspin as they were, by which this deponent understood, that he intended all his estate for his wife, whom he often mentioned with great concern, and by this answer of Mr Ward, this deponent understood that he thought it unnecessary to make any will, as he left his wife (for whom he appeared to intend his estate) in possession of it.

Sworn to the 1st Oct,

1770 before me

J Burgwin C M

Jas Blyth

North Carolina }
New Hanover, County }

William Marshall of Wilmington in the said County, maketh oath, that on Sunday September, the second 1770 and several other times before that, this deponent being in the room with the late Capt William Ward, who was then on a sick bed, Mr James Blyth came in divers times, and being apprehensive that the said Capt Ward could not recover, the said James Blyth asked him often whether he had settled his affairs, and told him if he had not, he had better do it, Capt Ward replied that he had not any to settle, Mrs Ward his wife often repeated the substance of what Mr Blyth said, and in particular a little while before Capt Ward died, asked him if there was any thing he would have her do; he answered No I leave it all with you I leave all I have to my dear wife; and other expressions to that purpose, which he repeated several times, and until the time of his death often mentioned his dear wife as the only person he regretted leaving, or for whose welfare only he was solicitous.

Sworn to the 1st day of October,

1770 before me (these words being

interlined) J Burgwin C M

William Marshall

At New Hanover, January Court 1771

Administration with the within Summons

active will annexed was granted to said Ward upon her giving security
£ 1000, proe money &c

John London. C. Cl.