

Whereas my Son in Law William Dawson doth stand bound with and for me to Mr. Ann Draton in an Obligation, bearing date in the month of February, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and twenty one, in and for the full and just Sum of Two Hundred Pounds current money of this Province, of South Carolina & New England, Ye that for the more ample & better securing of the said William Dawson by these Presents, Upon and Take over one Negro Man named John for the only use, benefit and behoof of the said William Dawson, for and during the time until the said Two Hundred Pounds aforesaid be paid out of the Estate. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Twenty fourth day of January in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred & twenty three four.

Thos. Elmes. (L.S.)

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of John Dawson, Joseph Barton, John Lupton

In Witness, Jan. 15th 1724.

The within Will & above Instrument was then proved by the Oath of John Dawson, Joseph Barton & John Lupton Witnesses hereunto, the Executors Oath Administrators unto Elizabeth Elmes Widow and William Dawson, two of the Executors therein appointed.

Test: W. Tunley Clerk

Before His Excellency The Govern. January the 16th 1724. The within named Emanuel Smith took the Executors Oath & Letters Testamentary granted unto Elizabeth Elmes Widow, William Dawson and Emanuel Smith being appointed Executors and James Barton having renounced the said.

Test: W. Tunley Clerk

Know all men by these presents that I, James Boswood appointed One of the Executors of the within Will for divers good causes & considerations me hereunto especially moving have and by these presents Renounce and refuse to take upon me the Burthen and Execution of the said Will or the Administration of any the Goods and Chattels of Thomas Elmes dec'd. the Estate to the said Will, or the Guardianship of any the Orphans of the said Testat. to the intent & meaning that Elizabeth Elmes & William Dawson & Emanuel Smith the three other Executors therein appointed may be enabled to receive Letters Testamentary on the said Will, Letters of Administration, with the

Will

Will annexed, or other wise as to the Ordinary shall meet. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of January 1724, in the Eleventh Year of His Majesty's Reign. James Boswood (L.S.) Sealed & Delivered with the Word of Emanuel Smith interlined in the presence of us, Char: Hart, W. Tunley Clerk

Recorded Jan. 26th 1724. Char: Hart Secy

South Carolina

Francis Nicholson Esq. His Majesty's Capt. General and Governor in Chief of this His Majesty's Province, and Ordinary of the same.

(L.S.)

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting.

Know ye that on the fifteenth day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand, Seven hundred and twenty four, at Philadelphia in the Province aforesaid, before me, in Council, the last Will and Testament of Thomas Elmes, late of Berkeley County, in the Province, dec'd. the copy whereof is to these presents annexed, was proved, approved and allowed of, the said dec'd. having whilst he lived, and at the time of his death, divers goods, rights and credits, within the Province aforesaid; by means whereof the appointment and allowing of his Testament, and the power of granting the administration of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said dec'd. and also the auditing the accounts, calculations and reckonings of the said administration, and the final dismission and discharge from the same to one is manifestly known to belong; and that the administration of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said dec'd. and his Testament any manner of way concerning, was committed unto Elihu Elmes, Wm. Dawson and Emanuel Smith, upon the renunciation of James Boswood, the other Executor named in the said Will and Testament; being first sworn on the holy Evangelists, well and faithfully to administer the same, and to make a full and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of the said dec'd. and to exhibit the same into the Secretary's Office, in Charles Town, in order to be Recorded, at or before the Tenth day of April next ensuing, and to render a true and just account, calculation and reckoning thereof, when thereunto required.

Certified for me, Char: Hart Secy

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the fifteenth day of January Anno Dom: 1724, and in the Eleventh Year of His Majesty's Reign. Fr: Nicholson.

Recorded Jan. 26th 1724. Char: Hart Secy