

his father's creditors, but took the Upper plⁿ under his grandfather's intail, and John, younger s. of John enjoyed the Lower plⁿ. John A. the younger s. of John made his will 14 Feb. 1712, and gave another £500 legacy to his sister Margt. at 18, and gave residue to Wm. A. and afterwards died.

Rob. Bishop, a s. of Dorothy B. wid. in 1721, made his addresses to Margt. A., but her brother Sam. the Elder was averse, as Rob. and his mother were in debt, but Rob., assisted by M^r John Gibbons his att^y at law and counsel, made up fraudulent deeds from Doro. to Rob. conveying to him small parcels of land and negroes dated 19 Dec. 1721. Her brother still refusing consent Margaret m. Rob. B. 23 Dec. 1721. 3 Apr. 1722 R. B. and his wife sued the widow and h. of Will. A. (resid^y devisee of his bro. John) for the 2 legacies of £500 each, and levied on lands and negroes. Rob. B. died 4 Jan. 1726 intestate, and M^r Gibbons obtained adm'on. No demand was ever made for the £1,500 legacy. R. B. left said Margt. his widow and 3 very young children by her, a s. Rob., a dau., the now App. Eliz. Ince, and another child all in the greatest distress. Rob. B.'s mother Dorothy took the widow and 3 children, the eldest not 3, into her house, but John Gibbons seized their effects, then her relations took charge of them. Margaret survived her husb^d 2 or 3 years, and Tho. Maxwell m. her 17 May 1728. She died 9 May 1729 leaving an only child by him, Eliz. M., one of the App.

19 June 1729. Tho. M. took out adm'on to her.

23 Dec. 1732. John Gibbons as adm'or of Rob. B. brought his Bill in Ch^r against Sam. Adams the Elder for the legacy of £1,500, against Rob. B., inf. s. and h. of Rob. B. dec^d, against Tho. Maxwell, and claimed he was creditor of Rob. B. dec^d for £4,500, and put in pretended jointure deeds.

6 June 1734. Answer of Sam. A. the Elder denying facts.

11 May 1737. The Presid^t of the C. referred case to the Master and on 2 Dec. it was dismissed. M^r G. died about a year after (31 Jan. 1737 is mentioned later), and appointed the now Resp. W^m Sturge one of his Ex'ors, and the case was not heard of for 16 years, but on 10 Jan. 1754 W^m Sturge filed a motion in the C^t of Ch^r. Tho. Maxwell died in America, and made his will and appointed Hon. Ra. Weekes, Hon. Tho. Applewhaite, esq., since dec^d, Hon. Geo. Græme and Tho. Adams, esq., Ex'ors. Rob. Bishop the inf. died in parts beyond the seas, or has not been heard of these 15 years. Sam. A. now of the parish of X^t Ch., Eliz. Ince, late Eliz. Bishop, spr., wife of Tho. I. of X^t Ch., esq., is sister of said Rob. B. the inf.

9 July 1755. The motion was granted from which order the now App. appeal. To be heard 8 July 1757. In writing: "Order reversed." (Add. MS. 36,217, fo. 172.)

(To be continued.)

Major John Wickham of Antigua.

This marble slab covers a stone vault in the old family burial ground at Upper Freeman's plantation in the parish of St. Peter, Parham.

The armorial work is of fine quality, very sharp and distinct, in spite of its age of nigh 200 years. The wife's coat is not given, probably because she was not entitled to one.

Such stones were sent out from England, and usually ordered from the same merchants who supplied the estates with stores.

They are fairly numerous in the islands, both on the floors of the churches and in the churchyards. In the former the naked feet of the blacks did not wear away their surface, and in the latter there was no frost to flake them.

The photograph was supplied by Mr. José Anjo, in whose studio in St. John's I have seen quite the best photographic work in the Leeward Islands.