this Respond.t to make Answer unto and not honori
and hoffby before well and sufficiently Answered —
unto Confessed or avoided traversed or denyed is
true which matters and things herein before
Contained this Respond.t is ready to Aver —
maintain and prove as this Honble Court —
Shall Award & there prays to be hence —
dismist with his Costs and Charges by him
in this behalf most Wrongfully sustained —

Joshua George

July the 14 - 1721 —

Then Came the forementioned Gideon Pearce
and made Oath that what is Contained in
his foregoing Answer as of his Own know=
ledge is true and that what relates to the
Act of any other person he believes to —
be true in the Manner as therein set
forth and what is therein denyed is not true
Sworn to in Open Court

Test Vachel Denton Regr.

Gideon Pearce Ex.r
of Wm Potts —
vs
Leidger Codd

The Answer of Gideon Pearce
to Interrogatories Exhibited by
Leidger Codd as follows Viz.t:

1mo: This Respond.t makes Answer that
he is not Conscious of any part of the estate
of the deced either in Tobacco or other Specie
whatsoever that has Come to this Respond.ts
hands or poss.n more than he has therein
himself with Excepting One Small Gold Ring
w.ch this Respond.t has been Informed was
desired by the deced Wm Potts on his death
bed not to be appraised but delivered to
his Son, w.ch said Ring this Respond.t has
told said Codd he would deliver him and
is yet ready to deliver

2: To the second Interrogatory this Respond.t
answers that he Cannot particularly say
what he sold or disposed of the Tobacco
of the deced at, But that he Conceives he
had

had right to dispose of it to the best Advantage
and that he does not Remember he ever rece.d
more than what he has faithfully Accounted
for —

3. To the third Interrogatory this Respond.t Answers
that he does not remember of any Tobacco
Debts that he ever received on Account of the
deced, And that at the time of the Tobacco belong
ing to the deced Coming into his hands it was
Generally deemed to be worth a penny ⅌ pound
and no more as he Remembers —

4. To the fourth Interrog.y this Respond.t says that
he does not think himself Obliged to Answer
Cuillior in Truth Can he) Otherwise than that
all Debts due from the deced he discharged
either in Tobacco or what was Equal Equivalent
thereto, so as to disburthen the Estate of the
deced and Content the Creditors, and in what
Specie and to whom Publick debts was paid —
this Respond.t humbly prays to be referred
to his Seperate Accounts already Sworn to
as the Said Accounts —

5: To the fifth Interrogat.y this Respond.t thinks it has been
fully determined by his Honour the Gen.l —
Generall as by a Decree made in this —
affair the 13th day of April Anno Dom.i 1721
and Sufficiently Answered in his Answers to —
the former Interrog.ys —

6: To the Sixth Inter.y this Respond.t Answers
that the Debt due to One Briffot being
proved by said Briffot to be Tobacco this
Respond.t knew no Otherwise at the time
he paid the Same but that the Debt really
was Tobacco as Charged, And believed the
Ex.r so proved Sufficient to Charge the Estate
of the deced with said Debt therefore offered
to pay said Briffett either in Tobacco or
Corn whereupon the Briffot Chose to be
paid in Corn rather than Tob.o at 100 lbs Tob.o
⅌ Barrell for the Same —