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**Description:** Sheet of paper, not watermarked but has an embossed mark, near the centrefold on each leaf. Originally folded in half to form four pages and stitched to form a notebook. Written on both sides, Notes on Bell's opinions on Mrs Garrick's property. n.d.[post 1822]

**Transcript:**

Mr Bell observes, that in a common case & prima facie, it would be presumed that the articles enumerated had become the property of M<sup>rs</sup> Garrick by some arrangement with the parties interested. In support of such presumption in the present case Let it be observed that the Testator, who in fact contemplated the possibility of his assets being insufficient to discharge his legacies till after his wife's death directed "all the rest of his personal estate not specifically given to be with all convenient speed sold & disposed of to the best advantage & out of the money to arise therefrom to pay the legacies &c". These legacies were not & could not be paid in full for want of funds, till more than 20 years after M<sup>r</sup> Garrick's death.

Instead therefore of there being no necessity for a sale of such articles, and that on that account they were suffered to remain in the two houses, as is stated in the case laid before M<sup>r</sup> Bell, There was a great necessity for converting into money all articles not specifically bequeathed. And M<sup>r</sup> Wallis not having done so furnishes strong grounds for presuming that he made some arrangement with M<sup>rs</sup> Garrick for retaining them in her own right. Add to this, that M<sup>rs</sup> Garrick who certainly had a great veneration for every thing of a personal nature that had belonged to her husband, would not have been satisfied to have held them at the pleasure of the executor. And although she always considered herself as Steward to the family with respect to household goods furniture & pictures She considered the Snuff boxes rings &c prints as her own property. She gave a ring to M<sup>r</sup> Elliston, some years ago, a Cross to Mr Kean, & bequeathed snuff boxes rings & prints, and I do not apprehend that there exists any proof of her having made the observations alluded to in Mr Gazelies opinion with any reference to these latter articles.