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**Transcript:**

General observations on Mr Carrs affid[avit] &c

What evidence is there to shew that M<sup>rs</sup> Garrick was permitted to hold & enjoy certain articles of Curiosity not coming under the description of Houses & furniture? Who gave such permission? And there being great necessity to sell them for the payment of legacies, she would have purchased them if not her own, rather than hold them by sufferance.

The Question for the Court to decide appears to be to whom these articles belong, & by whom they were acquired. I have looked carefully through the account books, from the earliest period & wherever an article appears to have been purchased by either party have noted it; But many rings medals &c remain which were probably presents\* and that M<sup>rs</sup> Garrick as well as M<sup>r</sup> Garrick received frequent presents is a matter of notoriety. In early life, when patronized by the Empress Queen, by King George II<sup>d</sup> † & by the countess of Burlington & her family. it is not too much to presume that a considerable part of the rings seals bijoux &c must have been given her besides jewels. All hers once [own account?] and having afterwards the privilege of a box at the Theatre, with which she accommodated her numerous friends, some of the highest distinction, for upwards of 40 years there can be no doubt that they were happy to gratify her by presents of drawings prints medals coins &c. No account however of such contributions was kept, a letter from M<sup>rs</sup> Dickenson has been found, giving an account of a box presented to her containing specimens of the natural productions of Derbyshire & Lancashire, which appear in our Schedule under the title of a vase of fluorspar & sundry pebbles & agates. But of this present no notice whatsoever is taken in her diary of visits or book of accounts and this is probably the case with many of the presents. I have found Letters giving presents of China, & Books, to M<sup>rs</sup> Garrick both before & after her Husbands death, These it is not necessary to produce as property of that description was bequeathed to her or purchased by her, but surely she received from various persons were not confined to those Articles.

\* See the observation on the gold snuff box

† No proof remains that they were acq[ui]red by the Tes[tator]