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Description: Small sheet of paper, watermarked 'BARRAT 1818'. Originally folded in half to form four pages. Written on both sides. Notes relative to the case regarding M^{rs} Garrick's property, in response to Mr Carr's affidavit. n.d. [1825/6]

Transcript:

Mr Carr having set forth in his affidavit, that M^{rs} Garrick informed him her Jewels Plate Linen and books formed the whole of her property, appears to forgotten that China also was part of her property, which she must have communicated to him, & at this distance of time he may have likewise forgotten other particulars forming a part of her property. It is very evident that she had purchased many articles. (- Cloaths Chest, Clock, Telescope Barometer &c -) and as M^r Carr does not tell us that she gave any specific instructions relating to such articles it must be concluded that there were many things belonging to her that she had not given anything like full instructions as to the disposal of these. The conclusion drawn by Mr Carr, that she never pretended to have any right to the articles which are subject the subject of the enquiry before the Master or to have any other property than such as are hereinbefore mentioned is unsound.

The Articles of Curiosity mentioned by M^r Carr as remaining in the Houses and to which M^{rs} Garrick probably alluded are those which follow and have been already delivered to the Trustees & sold, viz.

An enamelled Medallion richly set in Gold presented to the late David Garrick by the Members of the Theatrical fund.

A Medallion with the head of Shakespeare carved out of the Mulberry tree, presented to the late David Garrick by the Corporation of Stratford

An inkstand made of the mulberry tree planted by Shakespeare

A Salt cellar of Delft ware which belonged to Shakespeare.

The Articles now before the master consist (with the exception of the 2 snuffboxes) chiefly of rings trinkets seals &c which would be comprehended under the general term of Jewels till she proceeded to particularise them.

Of these all that M^r R[ackett] has been able to ascertain as having belonged to the testator have been delivered and to do this he has carefully inspected the books of accounts from the earliest period, of those that remain most were probably not purchases but presents – and to which of the parties? M^{rs} Garrick was in early life patronised by the Empress Queen, by Geo. II by the countess of Burlington, noticed by Foreign Princes on the Continent, & Rings Trinkets & Seals are more likely to be presented to Females than Males.