

Testament of Sir Charles Bell
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Sir Charles Bell SC70/1/62 [p.405] Sir Charles Bell 23 June 1842 At Edinburgh the twenty third day of June Eighteen hundred & forty two years the following Inventory of the Personal Estate of Sir Charles Bell deceased was presented by Mr John Paterson Solicitor at Law Inventory of the Personal Estate of Sir Charles Bell Knight residing in No. 6 Ainslie place Edinburgh who died at Hallow Park Worcestershire on the 29 day of April 1842 with Interest due on principal sums at that date Given up by Dame Marian Shaw or Bell residing in Edinburgh presently at Great Malvern in Worcestershire decerned Executrix qua Relict of the said Defunct by the Commissary of Edinburgh upon the 8th day of June 1842 years Primus Principal sum contained in an account current with Sir William Forbes & Company Bankers in Edinburgh ___ £620..-.6 Interest due thereon ___ 9..11..10 / 629..12..4 Secundo Principal sum contained in an account current with the Eastern Bank in Edinburgh ___ 23..14..11 Interest due thereon ___ -.2..9 / 23..17..8 Tertio The deceaseds household furniture silver plate body clothes & c[etera] conform to Inventory & valuation by John Boyd Licensed appraiser dated 9 May 1842 ___ 781..9..- Summa of Inventory £1434..19..- (sig[ne]d) Marion Bell Sworn by me at Cheltenham in the County of Glo[uce]ster by the said dame Marion Bell the 17th day of June 1842 (signed) Pearson Thompson Justice of the Peace for the County of Gloster At Cheltenham in the County of Gloster the 17th say of June Eighteen hundred & forty two years In presence of Pearson Thompson Esquire Justice of the Peace for the County of Gloster Appeared the before designed Dame Marion Shaw or Bell who being solemnly sworn & examined Depones That the said Sir Charles Bell died upon the 29 day of April 1842 and the Deponent as Executrix qua Relict decerned by the Commissary of Edinburgh on the 8th day of June 1842 has entered upon the management of his Estate That the Deponent does not know of any Settlement or writing relative to the disposal of the deceaseds personal Estate & Effects or any part thereof That the foregoing Inventory each page of which is subscribed by the deponent and the said Commissioner as relative hereto is a full and true Inventory of all the means and estate appertaining & belonging or beneficially due to the said deceased at the time of his death wheresover situated in so far as the same has come to the Deponents knowledge and that the value of the said Estate situated in Scotland is of the value of one thousand pounds and under the value of fifteen hundred pounds Sterling All which is truth as the Deponent shall answer to God and Depones that Confirmation is required (signed) Marion Bell –Sworn before me at Cheltenham in the County of Gloster by the said Dame Marion Bell this 17th day of June 1842 (signed) Pearson Thompson Justice of the Peace for the County of Gloster – Commissary Court Peti[tio]n June 1842} Unto the Honourable the Commissary of Edinburgh The Petition of Dame Marion Shaw or Bell residing in Edinburgh presently at Great Malvern in Worcestershire Executrix qua Relict of Sir Charles Bell Knight late of No 6 Ainslie Place Edinr. decerned by the Commissary of Edinburgh on the eighth day of June 1842 years Hereby Sheweth That the That the said Sir Charles Bell died on the 29 day of April last 1842 and the Pet[itio]ne]r as Executrix foresaid being in course of making up the necessary title to his Executry has prepared an Inventory of his Personal Estate in Scotland amounting to the sum of £1434..19/ St[erlin]g and which Inventory is herewith produced That the Pet[itio]ne]r is at present in a visit at Great Malvern in Worcestershire or has left for Cheltenham in Gloucestershire where she intends to remain for some time and as it

would be inconvenient for her to appear personally before your Lordship to make oath or affidavit to the said Inventory it becomes necessary to make this application that a Commission may be granted to the effect after prayed for May it therefore please your Lordship to Grant Commission to any one of Her Majestys Justices of the Peace or other qualified person in Cheltenham Gloucestershire or in Worcestershire to take the oath or affidavit of the Pet[itione]r to the said Inventory in common form or otherwise to do in the premises as to your Lordship shall appear proper According to Justice drawn by Jo Paterson Edinr. 11 June 1842 The Commissary Grants Commission to any of Her Majestys Justices of the Peace as craved & to report within one month from this date (signed) Jo Macdonald.