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In the Name of God Amen the 28th day of April in the year of our Lord 1788 I Paul Herman of Lincoln County of Virginia being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God for it therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make & create this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul unto the hands of God that gave it and for my body I Recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the direction of my Executors not doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherein it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise dispose of the same in the following manner and form first I give and bequeath to my beloved wife the third of my whole Estate together with my house hold goods likewise I give to my well beloved son Paul Herman of Forty Dollars and to my Daughters twenty Dollars Each to be paid out of my Estate and Each of my Daughters that is deceased the same shall be giving to their husbands or Children and the residue after my debts be firstly paid I give and bequeath to my well beloved son Paul Herman whom I likewise constitute make and ordain my only and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament all and singular my mortgages and Chattels by him to be fully to be Refused and Enforced and I do hereby utterly disallow Revoke and disannul all other Wills and Testaments by me in anywise before this time made and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written Signed Sealed Published Remained

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and declared by the said as his last Will and Testament

In the presence of
John G. Gullett
magr

Paul Herman

John Sumner
John Wadsworth
Sui iuris

At a Court held for Lincoln County the 28th day of May 1788 This Will was proved by the Oath of Christian Sumner a witness thereto and Ordered to be Recorded and on the motion of Paul Herman the Executor therein named who made Oath and Executed and acknowledged before us the Law directed a Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form

Teste Miles Green Esq
April 11th 1788

Butler We the undersigned being first sworn do appraise the Estate of
Inventory Edward Butler died as by Order of Court was directed (To wit)

1 Bay horse	25 - -
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2 Bay Horses	40 - -
3 red cows	15 10 -
1 Black and white cow	5 - -
1 yearling	5 - -
1 Bay mare	25 - -
1 Rifle gun and shot bag	5 - -
11 bags	10 - -
1 bell	- 12 -
2 set of house furniture tools	3 - -
Secondly other tools	4 3 -
1 hat	- 15 -