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I Charles Slade of the Town and County of Alexandria and District of Columbia, do hereby make this my last will in manner and form following.

First I give unto my beloved wife the house and lot on Fairfax street in which I now live with all the Furniture &c therein contained to be enjoyed by her during life and at her disposal by will to any one or more of my Children that she may think have contributed most for the benefit of the general good of the family, but in case of her not willing, said property is to be the joint property of all the Children.

All my other property whether real or personal of whatever nature sever I give equally to my Children and to my beloved wife one third of all my personal and her dower in all my real Estate and but should be deemed by a majority of my Executors necessary for any of my real property to be sold for the payment of just debts in that case I wish her to relinquish her dower in said real property.

And I do further will and ordain in the most solemn and binding manner on my Executors that a negro boy by the name of George shall obtain his full liberty and freedom in twelve years from the date hereof and I further give and empower to my Executors or a majority of them power to emancipate said George as much sooner as they may deem right according to his faithful services and good behaviour, and to any other person of better that I may hereafter hold I do hereby will and ordain that they shall receive their freedom at the age of twenty seven including likewise all their increase or as much sooner as a majority of my Executors may direct, unless they should be over the age of forty five And for the correct distribution and apportioning my effects in general I hereby direct that an inventory of all my goods &c may be taken as soon after my death as convenient and at the request of any one of my Executors one or more disinterested persons may be chosen by said Executors to aid them in taking said inventory and likewise that as speedy as possible and in the most prompt manner, all my out standing debts are to be collected without respect to persons. And I do hereby make certain and appoint my beloved wife and my two eldest sons at that time living my only Executors to carry this my last will into effect according to the plain intent meaning thereof and that no want of favor in said will shall prevent the said intent thereof. In testimony of this my will it is further understood that in case one or both of my eldest sons should be under age that during their minority my beloved wife is to be the only acting Executor.

In Testimony of this my last will I hereby set my hand and seal in the name and fear of the Lord under the full belief of a general resurrection of the dead and my own assurance of eternal happiness through the

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the mediation and righteousness of Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer
Witness

Thomas Mount

William Patch

Chas Slade

Alexandria 25th December 1820

At a session of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia the 18th day of November 1820 this last will and testament of Charles Slade deceased was proved by the oaths of William Patch and Thomas Mount Witnesses thereto to be wholly written and signed by the Testator and ordered to be recorded And at a Court the 28th of the same month and year letters of Administration on the Estate of the said Charles Slade was granted to Richard Slade (who renounced as Executor) and Henry C. Slade they having given bond and security according to law.

Wm. Moore

Reg. Wills

Know all Men by these presents that we Richard Slade, Henry C. Slade, Edward Lloyd and Richard Libby we here and firmly bound unto Robert Young Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court of Alexandria County in the District of Columbia and his successors in office in the sum of one hundred thousand Dollars lawful money of the United States to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 28th day of November 1820.

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Richard Slade & Henry C. Slade shall well and truly perform the office of Administrators with the well approval of Charles Slade late of Alexandria County deceased according to Law, and shall in all respects discharge the duties of them required by law as Administrators aforesaid without any injury or damage to any person interested in the faithful performance of said office then the above obligation shall cease it shall otherwise remain in full force and virtue in Law.

Sealed & Delivered

in presence of

Wm. Moore

Reg. Wills

Rich^d Slade

H. C. Slade

Edward Lloyd

Rich^d Libby

I Richard Slade one of the Executors of the will of Charles Slade do renounce the same and refuse to act as such given under my hand this 28 November 1820

Witness

Rich^d Slade

Mr. Mea
By Will

James H. Moore Esquire

Dear Sir

Being about to leave this in the ship Commerce of Alexandria, myself master, one half of which ship is the property of Messrs Bowe and Kirtly of George Town, the other half belongs to myself and bound to Amsterdam; London with Tobacco the freight of which it will take to the disbursements for the voyage, I cannot say at present what course I may take after the cargo is discharged at Amsterdam.

I have requested Messrs Bowe & Kirtly to have Insurance effected on my half of the ship valued at four thousand dollars and other sums I beg leave to draw your attention

Now should it please Almighty God, to call me from this world on my voyage to Amsterdam at or on my way home or after getting home, may I beg the favour of you to act in behalf of my Friend Mrs Portia Hodgson as far as relates to a part of my worldly affairs here after to be named.

Be it known to all Men, to whom this instrument may be shewn, that I James Crowther of the Town of Alexandria, District of Columbia, in case of my death, do on this thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven appoint James H. Moore Esquire of the Town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia as my Executor for and in behalf of my Friend Mrs Portia Hodgson the wife of William Hodgson Esq, residents of the District of Columbia, as far as relates to a part of my worldly affairs or property viz

One half of the ship Commerce which I at present command, but if lost in less than four thousand dollars the sum insured by Messrs Bowe & Kirtly of George Town

Left to be sold on my account with Mr Charles A Burnett of George Town

Seven, two French clocks w 212 p each

\$424.

One at 177 p one at 133 p two at 22 dollars

354.

One case of chimney ornaments containing 2

four pair artificial flowers & glass covers

90.

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Mr Burnett is to have 5 per cent on the amount of sales, there may be some little charges at packing and unpacking.

Left with Mr G. Griffith corner of Fairfax and prince street Alexandria for sale on my account viz

Case no 6 a white marble clock

\$113.

Case no 20 a gilt clock

125.

Case no 16 a gilt clock quickly

125.

Case no 21 a gilt clock cuped & veneer

133.

One English gold hunting watch no 3956

90.

One French gold watch no 6745

110.

\$622.

Mr Griffith is allowed 5 per cent on the sale of the above articles, and what little charges may attend them

After the commissions are deducted from the above or two last sums, Mr Moore must not forget to take his own, after which please pay the balance of the above sums to Mrs Portia Hodgson, for her sole and separate use and disposition, so that she may use and dispose of the same as if she were sole and unmarried free from all control and power of the said William Hodgson her husband, given from under my hand and seal this thirteenth day of November in above named and year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven

Witness

Robert Alexander

Benjamin M. Ray

James Crowther

I must further beg your attention to the following sums to be collected and disposed of viz

My estimable and pious friend the late Mrs Candelina Hopkins left me in her will the sum of two hundred dollars to be paid by the Trustees named in the will, to this sum I wish to add two hundred more to be lodged in the Bank of Alexandria upon interest until my God Daughter Philippi Hopkins, which is Mrs Candelina Hopkins second daughter shall become of age, say twenty one, the principal and interest should she not live to that age it must then be given to the Washington School Society of this Town

I have

I have left with Mr James Kennedy of King Street for sale for which he is to have 5 per cent on the sales, one hundred and fifty bottles of Otto of Roses, to be sold at two dollars per bottle. I have an account open with him, when settled and the Otto all sold, I expect there will be two hundred dollars in my favour -

I have left with Mr Cary Brannagh twenty three silk shawls to be sold at seven dollars each, and three cases of Hats to be sold at six dollars each hat, each case containing twenty five hats he is to have 5 per cent on the sales -

I have in care of Hats with Mr P. J. Munstetter containing twenty five hats, at six dollars each, he is to have 5 per cent on the sales -

Should the above articles sell for the limits the commissions deducted, will be \$912.74, the two hundred left by Mr Hopkins, will give \$1022.20 your commission on this sum, 55 1/2% leaves \$569.31, say four hundred out of this for my good daughter Phoebe Hopkins, to be lodged in the Bank of Alexandria, leaves \$169.31 one half of which \$84.65 to be paid the Washington School Society, to aid the instruction and clothing the boys and girls, the other half to be paid to the vestry of Christ Church of Alexandria for the purpose of aiding in building the steeple and raising the bell of the said Church, should any of the above sums fall short, take a proportion from each -

Your attention to this, will much oblige
your obedient and humble servant
James Crowther

District of Columbia 1st

Be it remembered that on this 31st day of July 1820 before me Alexander Moor register of wills for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia, came William Nelson and William Hodgson and made oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the within instrument of writing purporting to be the will and Testament of James Crowther deceased, is truly written and signed by the testator

Alex. Moor
Reg. Wills

Know all Men by these presents that we Ann Crook, Jacob Baugh and John Patten are held and firmly bound unto Robert Young Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court of Alexandria County in the District of Columbia and his successors in office in the sum of three thousand dollars lawful money of the United States to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated the second day of December 1820

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Ann Crook as Guardian of Pupilles Joseph, Elizabeth and Bernard Crook Orphans of Bernard Crook deceased shall faithfully account with the Orphans Court of Alexandria County in the District of Columbia, as directed by law for the management of the property and estate of the Orphans under her care, and shall also deliver up the said property agreeably to the order of the said Court in the direction of law, and shall in all respects perform the duty of Guardian to the said Orphans according to law, then the above obligation shall cease it shall otherwise remain in full force and virtue in law

Sealed & Delivered
in presence of
the Court
Ann Crook (Sd)
Jacob Baugh (Sd)
John Patten (Sd)

Know all Men by these presents that we Jacob Hoffman and Craven P Thompson are held and firmly bound unto Robert Young Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court of Alexandria County in the District of Columbia and his successors in office in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars lawful money of the United States to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this second day of December 1820

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Jacob Hoffman shall well and truly perform the office of Administrator of Hannah Hoffman late of Alexandria County deceased to according to law, and shall in all respects discharge the duties of him required by law as Administrator aforesaid without any injury or damage to any person interested in the faithful performance of said office then the above obligation shall cease it shall otherwise remain in full force and virtue in law

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in presence of
Alex. Moor
Reg. Wills
Jacob Hoffman (Sd)
C. P. Thompson (Sd)