

James H. Hood Esquire, Alexandria

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 Bowin & Kirtz of George Town; the other half belongs to myself, and bound to New Orleans from thence to Baltimore & Market, & back to a port in the United States, as ships sails at a very considerable expense, expect it will take the whole of her freight to pay her disbursements.

I have this day wrote to Messrs Bowin & Kirtz to have Insurance effected for me on my half of the Ship Commerce, to the amount of Four thousand dollars, valuing the half the ship to that sum out & home or to a port in the United States.

Now should it please Almighty God at whose mercy my life depends, to call me hence by death during this my present intended voyage or on my arrival in to this Country, may I beg leave to draw your attention in behalf of my Friend Mrs Portia Hodgson as far relates to a part of my worldly affairs hereafter to be named.

Be it known to all Men to whom this Instrument may be shown, that I James Crowdhill of the Town of Alexandria, district of Columbia; In case of my death, do on this ninth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighteen, appoint James H. Hood 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 Esquire, resident of the District of Columbia, as far as relates to a part of my worldly affairs in property, say One half of the Ship Commerce which I at present command, but if lost, in due thereof Four thousand dollars, the sum insured by Messrs Bowin & Kirtz of George Town.

And also left to be sold with Mr Charles A. Burnett of George Town, two French Clocks at 212 \$ each

One at 177 \$ and at 183 \$ two at 82 \$ each

One Case of Chimney Ornaments containing 4 pair of Artificial flowers & Glass covers

Mr Burnett is to have 5 per Cent on the amount of sales, there may be some little charge in unpacking and packing again.

Left

Left with Mr G. Griffith, corner of Fairfax and Prince Streets, Alexandria for sale on my account viz

Case N° 6 a white marble Clock	\$115.00
Case N° 20 a Guilt Clock	125.00
Case N° 16 a Guilt Clock Gait	125.00
Case N° 21 a Guilt Clock Cabinet & veneer	133.00
and English Gold Watch N° 3946.	90.00
a French Gold Watch N° 6745.	40.00
	<u>622.00</u>

Mr Griffith is allowed 5 per Cent on the sales of the above articles, and what little charges may attend them.

after the Commissions are deducted from the above & two last sums Mr Hood must not forget to take his own, after which please pay the balance 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 ninth day of July and year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

James Crowdhill 10 P^{re}

Witness

Richard H. Johns

Robert Alexander

District of Columbia 1st

Be it remembered that on this second day of October 1819 before me Alexander Moore Register of Wills for the County of Alexandria, in the district of Columbia came Richard Vetch and William Wilson and made oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of James Crowdhill late of Alexandria County deceased, that the foregoing Instrument purporting to be his last will and Testament is wholly written and signed by the Testator. And be it further remembered that on the same day James H. Hood the Executor named in the said Will qualified thereto and gave bond and security according to law, whereupon Letters Testamentary were granted him.

A. Moore
Reg. Wills