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and Edward P. Johnston, my Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, Which I call upon them by the rights of Friendship, and the ties of Relationship to Execute. I am fully sensible that the duties required of them will be both burthenome and delicate, but hope they will find ample recompence in the reflection that they have been selected by their departed friend as the instruments as well for the purpose of appropriating his estate to just and honourable purposes, as of conducting his tender offspring in the paths of Religion, Virtue and Honour. I recommend it to my Executors when they are at any loss in any matters touching the Execution of this Will, that they advise with, and consult my friend Genl. James Breckenridge, in whose judgment I repose the highest Confidence; and who would have been named as one of my Executors had I not thought it would have been imposing too great a burthen upon him. And lastly it is my will and desire that no security be demanded of my Executors.

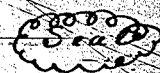
In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto Subscribed my name in my own hand writing to this my last Will and Testament; written Wholly by myself; Consisting of Two Sheets of Paper, of seven Pages, No. 1. to 7. to each of which I have

Ch. Johnston

*subscribed my name, this Twelfth Day of December in the year of our Lac 1826.

Ch. Johnston

Codicil



my just debts and for the other purposes therein mentioned I do declare
and make known in this Codicil to said will written with my own hand
and subscribed by me that whereas there are sundry debts due by me to the
Banks at Lynchburg endorsed by different friends whom I wish to protect in
the most ample manner, now it is my will and desire that my executors in
all their arrangements have a special eye to this object, so that none of them, or
any future endorser shall ultimately suffer. Amongst the debts so endorsed is
one by Edward Watts, which I wish should have a preference on account of
the great length of time during which he has lent me his name and given
me the aid of his credit. I therefore think it but just, that Mr. Watts should
be first relieved from his ^{responsibility} ~~responsibility~~. ~~And my will is that the same should be paid out of the first money~~
~~And to that end I hereby direct my executors~~ And to that end I hereby direct my executors out of the first money
arising from the sales of my estate whether real or personal first to pay
and satisfy said debt. As my other endorsees came on my paper at a
period long subsequent, I do not know how I can make any distinction
amongst them, being alike under obligations to all. It is therefore
my will and desire, that all should stand upon the same footing of
equality, and my eye will recollect that I consider their debts of the most
sacred character, as I also do sundry others for which my friends have
become my sureties - also a debt to Robert & Joseph Swathen, and another to
Joseph & Mary Ann of Richmond, both of which are for money loaned to
me from me to the estate of the same Swathen for money in my hands
belonging to that estate. If circumstances should complicate any manner

To pay any of the Bank debts for which they are or may be bound or to
 assume the payment thereof, I hereby declare it to be my purpose and
 intention to place them on the same footing as the banks themselves are
 to give them the same claim to payment of principal & interest as the
 Banks would possess under their my will and in the order within set
 forth. Without being able to indicate the precise mode in which it
 shall be done, I cannot forbear expressing an anxious wish that such
 arrangements may be made between my executors and endowors, and
 in General between my exec and all my other Creditors as will prevent
 a sacrifice of my property by a forced sale and to enable them to
 effect such arrangements with my Bank Debt. I authorize and
 empower my said ~~executors~~ ^{of their assuming in con-}
 junction with my personal endowors a such as may be then upon
 the paper the said Debt or any of them to appropriate toward the
 Payment of Discounts and Cartails, any money which may be in
 their hands arising from any source, to the end that time may
 be given in the sale of property, Guarding however against any
 Essential infraction of the order of payment within stated.

In addition to the Executors named in the body of my will
 I do hereby also nominate and appoint my friend and neighbour
 Col: Elijah M. Stanahan. Given under my hand and seal this 1st day
 of June in the year of our Lord 1828.

The word "Endowors" in the first line of this page, and the word "against"
 between the 15th & 16th Lines. interlined before signing.

of June in the year of our Lord 1838.

The word "Endorse" in the first line of this page, and the word "against" between the 15th & 16th lines intended before signing.

The word "and" to that end I hereby
"Direct my Executors out of the first money
"arising from the Sales of my estate whether real or personal first
"to pay and Satisfy said Debt." intended between the 15th & 16th and
14th and 15th lines of the Codicil intended before signing and in my
own hand.

Chas Johnston

At Detroit March Court 1838.

This instrument of writing purporting to be the last will
and Testament of Charles Johnston Dec. was this Day exhibited in
Court and there being no subscribing witnesses to said will Edward
Watts, Elijah McGlamahan & Allen Taylor were sworn in Court
and Deposition and said that said will as well as the signature
thereto attested they believe to be wholly in the hand writing
of said Charles Johnston Dec. as well as the Codicil attested
thereto, whereupon the said writing is ordered to be recorded
as the true last will & Testament of the said Charles Johnston
Dec.

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