

between Lord Tanherville & myself by false reports, till
her Ladyship (the Lady Tanherville) dated Dec^r 10 1764 matters became better
understood & explained in such manner that in answer to my said Letter her Ladyship wrote
me a long Letter dated the 5th March 1765 wherein the Breach of the agent is discovered.
My Lord declared innocent from all the causes of my complaints (which were not few nor
small) and Reconciliation is desired, which through her Ladyship's great prudence my
belief that his Lordship had been imposed upon by his agent, when he was so long sick
abroad; And for that my first inclination to serve him was not quite effaced I was willing to
accept, and to render his Lordship my future services, as her Ladyship in his name earnestly
wishes; WHEREUPON in a Letter I wrote the Countess of Tanherville dated the 16 Sept: 1765
inclosed to his Lordship through her hands my Stated accounts against the Estate of my brother
John Colville containing among other articles the two judgments before mentioned who is in
a Balance struck there appeared to be due to me from the Estate of my said brother the sum of £
1142. 16. 11 Sterling and £ 163. 11. 10 Current money of Virginia and to which Letter on
account her Ladyship answered by his Lordship's orders in a Letter dated 9th Dec^r 1765 wherein
his Lordship is pleased to approve of and acknowledge my said Sterling Debt of £ 1142. 16. 11.
aforesaid and also of my current money charge, adding him self thereto £ 37. 10. 0 Sterling by
his own Settlement making the balance due to me from the Estate £ 1180. 6. 11 Sterling & also
his Lordship remanded me that I had omitted charging Interest of the said £ 829. 17. 0 which
he desired should be added to the said £ 1180. 6. 11 and which said Interest from September 17
to September 1766 being five years amounts to £ 204. 10. 0 added to the said £ 1180. 6. 11
makes the whole Sterling account or debt due to me from the Estate of the said John Colville amount
to £ 1387. 16. 11 Sterling and also in the said Letter signifying his Lordship's direction to me
Immediately to sell with part of the Lands as will satisfy me for the Debt & Interest aforesaid
But I begin now with Relation to this my last Will & Testament and therefore now
in regard of his Lordship's generosity & ready Settlement of my Accounts and an acknow-
ledgment of the very great respect and regard I entertain for her Ladyship, together with
my own inclination to the family. I do hereby give & bequeath unto the Honourable Henry Bennet
Esquire younger Son to the said Lord & Lady the sum of Seven hundred pounds Sterling to be struck off
from my above mentioned Balance of £ 1387. 16. 11 due to me from the Estate as aforesaid and to
be paid by his Lordship his heirs Ex^r or Administrators unto the said Henry Bennett Esq^r his
son at such time as the said Henry shall arrive at proper age to receive the same with Lawfull
Person, of which said sum of £ 700. 0. 0 for the use of the said Henry so struck off from
my account as aforesaid will then leave a Balance of £ 687. 16. 11 Sterling being the Remainder
of the said Debt of £ 1387. 16. 11 for his Lordship to account with my executors on account of the
said Estate and which said sum of £ 687. 16. 11 I will that it shall be Raised by my Executors
out of the first money arising from the Sale of any of the Lands to the said John Colville's Estate
belonging to be applied together with the rest of my Estate hereafter to be mentioned to the payment
falling just debts & legacies hereafter expressed &
I give & devise to my beloved wife Francis alias Francis the plantation whereon I lately lived
the plantation called & known by the name of Toms Quarter near it to include four hundred and
thirty acres in the whole together with the following negroes, Virg^t, Tom, Isaac, Young Tom, Sam, Tommy

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during her natural life or Widowhood. But at the decease of my said wife or Widowhood as then my
that the said four hundred & fifty acres of Land together with the before mentioned Negroes & Stock shall
fall & belong unto her Niece Sarah Lavin & her heirs forever &
Leave the use of my negro man George unto my wife during her life or Widowhood & after that term
expired I give the said negro George unto John West Jr. & his heirs forever &
I leave my negro man Ben (at present an apprentice learning the trade of a Blacksmith) between
my said wife & John West Junr to be divided out dividing the profits between them, but at the decease
of my said wife, then my will is that the said John West have full Property in the said negro Ben for
ever I give & bequeath the use, benefit & advantage of negroes old Abby, Ned, Dinah & the
children unto my wife during her natural life or Widowhood & after that term is expired to
be disposed of as will be expressed hereafter in this Will. I give & bequeath unto my wife
my negro woman named Moll to her her heirs or assigns forever. I give & bequeath unto a
Benjamin Moody Two hundred acres of Land out of my Acotinch tract to be laid out to him
as my Executors shall adjudge reasonable & Right. To him & his heirs forever I give &
bequeath unto the said Benjamin Moody & his heirs forever my young negro woman
named Daphne I give & bequeath unto my wife all my household furniture including
my clock. I also give her my horse Charice Hamptons & any two horses of mine at
which she shall choose. I give & bequeath unto my wife, Vice Sarah Lavin
Two hundred & Sixty pounds Current money & my negro girl named Jenny to her & her
heirs forever; I give & bequeath unto Ann the Daughter of Capt William Ramsay & to
her heirs forever a negro girl named Sarah now in her own possession; I give & bequeath
unto Sarah Johnston the Daughter of Capt George Johnston & her heirs forever a negro
girl named Monica. I give & bequeath unto Catharine the Daughter of John West Junr
to her heirs forever my negro girl named Nan; I give & bequeath unto Thomas the Son of
John West Junr & to his heirs forever my negro boy named Sponer; I give & bequeath unto
Isabella Hollingsbury the sum of Twenty pounds Current money. And the use of my tract
of Land containing one hundred & Sixty eight acres lying near Sommers Run for
the term of her natural life; I give & bequeath unto the Youngest Daughter of Mr. William
Anderson Merchant in London the sum of Eighty pounds Sterling. My Will is made
that my Executors do sell so much of the Landed Estate of my Deceased Brother, John Colver
as will satisfy & pay all his Just Debts in the same manner that I myself have power
do by this will &

My Will is made that all the remainder of my Lands at Acotinch not here before disposed
of be sold by my Executors together with the remainder of my negroes not mentioned before in
this my Will in the first place towards the payment of my Debts afterwards to be applied to the
payment of the Legacies mentioned already or to be mentioned hereafter in this Will &
I do hereby appoint my Beloved wife Francina Colville, George Washington Esq: & John
West Junr Executors of this my last Will & Testament & do by these presents utterly
revoke any other Will or Wills by me hitherto made.

I give & bequeath unto John West Junr the sum of One hundred pounds Current money and
And Whereas in all Probability my Executors will have considerable Debts & Costs
and adjusting my affairs towards their Encouragement I give & bequeath unto George
Washington Esq: the sum of One hundred pounds Current money And I give and re-

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Colville originally from Newcaste
Cecil County Maryland but at present of Fairfax County Virginia being at this present very near
Seventy Eight years of age but in perfect and sound memory do make this my last Will & Testament Reserving
my soul to its creator in hopes through Christ of futurs happiness and my body to be decently buried
as I may hereafter mention or my Executor & Think fit.

But in the first place for the better understanding thos my said Will hereafter to be mentioned it
be necessary to premise Vizt That my brother John Colville late of the said County of Fairfax did
his last Will & Testament dated 1755 leaving his遗嘱 unto the Right Honourable
the present Earl of Tankerville and his heirs forever a large & valuable Estate in Lands and
negroes lying in Virginia but withall Subjecting the said Lands & negroes (his Dwelling
plantation & negroes Excepted) towards the payment of all his just Debts & appointing in
acting Executor to his said last Will but the bulk of said Debts being chiefly owing and due
to persons in England and to my self in Sterling money; full power was therefore given me
by the said Will for my Security to sell & dispose of a large Tract of Land in Maryland with full power
to Pauso the deficiency by a sale of any of the Virginia Lands or Negroes (not before Burpted) that I
should think fit for the full Satisfaction & payment of all his just Debts. Except his Lordship's
would take upon himself the payments thereof & fully Exonerate and indemnifie me as Executor
therefrom. But which he has either refused or neglected to do even to this day Whereupon as I
have above mentioned the Estate of my said brother John Colville being Justly indebted to me for many
years Services & Commissions in September first 1761 held for Fairfax County before whose
Justices when I produced the accounts of my Administration of the said Estate I inserted & did
claim my account of the said Debt so due to me to the amount of Eight hundred & Twenty nine
pounds seventeen shillings Sterling which said Account was then & there allowed and adjudged
due to me by the said Court. But his Lordship's agent Maliciously opposing me herein as
from the said Judgment to the General Court at Williamsburg where to my very great affre
& Expences he got it hung up by the arts of his Lawyers till the General Court of April 1762
the hearing before the said General Court the Judgment of Fairfax County Court as aforesaid
was thereby confirmed And Whereas my mother Catharine Colville died at New Castle
about May 1719 at which time I was in Virginia and by her last Will leaving
of her Estate Personal between my said brother & my sister Esther then the wife
Capt. Matthias Gilles but leaving me a Legacy of one hundred pounds in the said Will made
him the said John Colville sole Executor thereof. But the said John Colville through negl
gence & carelessness in the said Court having sold my said Estate Well nigh to nothing
nor my said Sister neither so that it was kept entirely from my knowledge for forty or
till accidentally I channned a box of old papers many years ago left in my possession by the said
John Colville of whom I found a Correspondence of Letters between my said brother at London
& my said Sister at New Castle dated about the months of May & June 1710 which contained
a copy of the said Will & all other matters relative to my said mother's Estate on which account
at Fairfax County Court for 1765 I produced to the said Court the Evidence of the Loss
of Correspondence aforesaid. Judgment was given for my recovery of the said Legacy of one
hundred pounds Sterling together with Interest thereon from the time of my said mother's
death amounting at that time to about Three hundred & Thirtysix pounds Sterling; In the mean
time the agent (for the Surety furthering his ill designs of purposed) had been of a long time