

**6** IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: The Tenth day of March Anno dñi 1621 And  
in the yeare of the Raigne of o<sup>r</sup> Sovereigne Lorde James by the grace of god  
inge of England Scotland France and Ireland defender of the Faith &c That is  
ay of England France and Ireland the Nyneteenth And of Scotland the 1v<sup>th</sup> I  
ohn Rolfe of James Citty in Virginia Esquire beinge sicke in body, but of perfecte  
nde and memory [(l)laude and prayse be given to Almightye god therefore) doe  
ake and ordaine this my laste and finall will and testament in forme followeing  
at is to say: Firste and principally I doe Co<sup>m</sup>end my soule into the hands of Al-  
ghtye god my maker and Redeemer, assuredly trusteing in the meritts of Jesus  
hriste my Lorde and onely Savio<sup>r</sup>, to have full and ample remission of all my sinnes,  
nd to inheritte w<sup>th</sup> him a por<sup>c</sup>on of the glorious kingdome of god, with all the holy  
Angells and Archaungells and blessed S<sup>t</sup>s and electe of that Eternall kingdome: And  
ny body I Comitte to the Earth [(l) in hope of a Joyfull resurrection) to be buried  
att the discretion of my Executo<sup>r</sup> hereafter named in such decent and Comely  
I sic<sup>7</sup> manner as vnto my said Executo<sup>r</sup> shalbe thoughte fitte: Item whereas Al-  
mightye god hath bestowed vpon me two small children of very tender age<sup>8</sup> for  
whose bringing vppe and educa<sup>c</sup>on in the faith and true feare of the same god I knowe  
myselfe obliged to be zealously carefull. Therefore I do Co<sup>m</sup>end and Co<sup>m</sup>itte them  
nto the tuition of my deerey beloved friend and father in Lawe Leivetenant William  
yers gent<sup>9</sup> vpon whose love and favo<sup>r</sup> in this behalfe I doe with greate Confidence  
epend: And for their better meanes of Sustenta<sup>c</sup>on and educa<sup>c</sup>on, I doe hereby  
ovise and ordaine, that my said Father in Lawe shall and may have, hold, receiue,  
ake, order and dispose of all and all Manner such estate and estates, as vnto them  
shall discend and come, and of Right belonge and appertaine dureinge the time of

their minority. Item whereas by certaine Letters Pattents vnder the Comon or generall Seale of the Kings Ma<sup>ties</sup> Councell for Virginia, heretofore made and granted to me and my heyres, I ame and stande lawfully seysed of, a certaine parcell or quantity of Land scituate in the Countrey of Toppahannah betwene the two Creeks over againste James Citty in the Contynent or Countrey of of [sic] Virginia:<sup>10</sup> My will and desire is, and I doe hereby devise and ordaine that the said Land or ground, and all and singuler profitts Comodityes emoluments, Rights, Royalties, Jurisdiccons and hereditaments whatsoever therevnto belonging or in anywise appertayneinge, shall be and shall and may remaine and be vnto my sonne Thomas,<sup>11</sup> and to the heyres of his bodye lawfully begotten And I doe hereby give grante and Confirme the same premisses vnto my said sonne accordingly by these presents: And for defalte of such yssue to the vse and behoofe of Elizabeth my daughter,<sup>12</sup> and to the heyres of her body lawfully to be begotten, and for defalte of such yssue, to the vse and behoofe of the Right heyres of the said John Rolfe for ever: Item my will is that if my said sonne shall happen to espouse and marry any wife, by and w<sup>th</sup> the consent of my said father in Lawe w<sup>th</sup>in the time of his minority, and before such time as he shall accomlishe the age of one and Twenty yeares, That then vpon such espousall or marryage (by and w<sup>th</sup> such consent as aforesaid) my said sonne shall or may Enter into and vpon the premisses and every parte thereof and receiue, perceiue and enioy the Rents yssues Revenues, and profitts thereof and thereby comeinge from thenceforth to his and their owne proper vse and behoofe for ever, And in case my said

ne<sup>13</sup> shall happen to dye and departe this present life on this side and before such  
as he shall or may accomlishe the full age of one and Twenty yeares, or be  
married and maryed as aforesaid: Then my said daughter vpon her Accomplish-  
ment of the full age of one and Twenty yeares or vpon her espousall and mariage  
consent of my said father in Lawe shall or may lawfully Enter into and vpon  
premisses, and receive perceiue and enioye the Rents yssues revenues and profits  
proof or thereby comeinge groweing or ariseinge from thenceforth to her owne  
proper vse and behoofe for ever: Item whereas by certaine other Letters P[atent]  
heretofore sufficiently passed and made there is given granted and confirmed vnto  
me and my heyres amonge others, a certaine quantity or porcion of Land or grounde  
thappurtenances scituate lyeinge and beinge neare Mulberry Iland<sup>14</sup> in the Coun-  
ty or Continent of Virginia I doe give bequeath and dispose the same as followeth  
vizt to the vse and behoofe of Joane my wife<sup>15</sup> dureinge the tearme of her  
[sic]<sup>16</sup> naturall Life, and from and after her decease to the vse and behoofe [of]  
Elizabeth my daughter and to the heyres and Assignes of the said Eliza-  
beth for ever Item as toucheinge and concerneing all and singuler such personall  
estate, goodes, Chattles, Cattles and householdstuffe as god hathe Lent me (my  
debts and funerall charges beinge deducted and payed) my will and desire is that  
the [sic] shall or may be equally and proportionately shared distributed and devided  
into three equall and indifferent partes and porcons vnto betwene and amonges Joane  
my said wife, Thomas my sonne, and Elizabeth my daughter, and that each of them,  
shall or may have, hold, and enioy one full and Entire thirde parte of and in the said  
goodes Chattles, Cattles and householdstuffe severally to their severall vses and be-  
hoofes for ever; Provided alwayes that if eyther of my said Children shall happen to  
dye or departe this present life, before they shall accomlishe the age of Twenty and  
one yeares, and before such their espousalls and mariage w<sup>th</sup> such consent as afore-  
said, Then my will and desire is that the parte and porcion of the said Child soe de-  
ceasinge, (of and in the said good Chattles Cattles and housholdstuffe[]) shalbe  
and remaine to the survivor of my said Children; And alsoe that if both of my said  
Children shall happen to dye and departe this present life before their accomplish-  
ment of their severall ages or their mariages: Then my will and desire is that the  
verall partes and porcons of my said Children, of and in the said laste menconed  
premisses shalbe and remayne vnto my said wife (if she shalbe then liveinge) And  
if she shall happen to dye or departe this present life before my said Children: Then  
the same last menconed premisses shalbe & remaine vnto my said father in Lawe,  
to his owne proper vse and behoofe for ever. Item my will and desire is and I doe  
thereby ordaine and appointe; That my said father in Lawe shall or may in the meane

time have and take the severall parts & porçons of my said Children of and in the said goods Chattles Cattles and housholdstuffe into his owne hands, and at his best descretion to dispose of them to their best advantage vntill they shall accomlishe their severall ages/ Item I give and bequeath unto my said father in Lawe William Pyers my three bullocks or Oxen w<sup>ch</sup> nowe are and heretofore have bin vsually yoaked or putt to drawe in the yoake. And alsoe my best sworde and girdle and hangers and my best Armo<sup>r</sup>; Item I give and bequeath vnto my said wife (to her owne proper vse and behoofe) all the benefitt profit Comodity and advantage to be had gotten or obtained for or by the Labor travayle or paines takeinge of my three servants dureinge all the Residue of the time of their service, due vnto me by any Covenant promise or contracte, from them or any of them heretofore made vnto me: Item I give and bequeath vnto my servant Roberte Davyes<sup>17</sup> Twenty Pounds of Lawfull money of England To be payed him in such Money or in good and Marchantable Wares<sup>18</sup> amounetinge to such a value att the Ende and Expiraçon of Two yeares from hence next ensueinge and fully to be compleate: Item I doe make and ordaine my said father in Lawe to be the Executo<sup>r</sup> of this my Will and Testament, In witness whereof I have herevnto sett my hand and seale yeaven<sup>19</sup> the day and yeare firste abovewritten./

Sealed and delivered published and declared for and as the Laste Will and Testament of the said John Rolfe<sup>20</sup> in the presence of

TEMPERANCE YEARDLEY<sup>21</sup>

RICH: BUCKE<sup>22</sup>

JOHN CARTWRIGHT

JOHN MILWARDE./

ROBT. DAVYS