

In the name of God amen. the sixth day of October in the year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight I Joshua
Powell of the Western Branch & County of Norfolk being sick & weak
in Body but of sound mind and memory thanks be to Almighty
God for the same & calling to mind the mortality of my Body, -
knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, do make & Ordain
this my last will & Testament in form & Manner following first
I recommend my soul unto God who gave it me and my body
to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Execu-
-tors hereafter named & as Touching all my worldly estate wh-
-ere with it hath been pleased God to bless me within this life I
do give devise & dispose of the same in form & manner following vizt
Them. I give & bequeath to my son William Powell my plantation where on
I now live to him & his heirs forever. I also give to my son William one
cow & calf his choice of all that is mine and also my desk & Looking

