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Excited in presence of
Ponhalan county court
March 16th 1803 and
ordered to be recorded.

Frederick Woodson (seal)
Samuel Woodfin (seal)
Peter, F. Archer (seal)
Bennett Goode (seal)

Test. *Per* *Comdext.* 6 p. 6.

In the name of God: I John Royall, Jr. of the County
of Berksham being weak of body but of sound mind and disposing
memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and
testament in manner and form as follows: ~~in witness whereof~~
I hereby bequeath and give unto my dear and affectionate wife Elizabeth
Royall during her natural life the plantation I now live on
together with the following slaves (Viz^d) Phill, Peter, Lamberick

Arthur, Doll and her three children viz George, Squire, and Maria, Kate and her child Chamberlayne, and Emily (her child Fanny), and at the death of my wife I give her the fee simple right to dispose of five of the above mentioned slaves by will or otherwise, the value of the said five slaves to bear proportion to the aggregate value of the whole. I further give her all my household & kitchen furniture to dispose of as she may think proper. I also lend her during my natural life the use of all my stock of Horses, cattle, sheep & also such of my plantation utensils as will be sufficient for the use of the hands mentioned above, which several bequests are to be considered in lieu of her right of dower.

Secondly: The resi^{due} of my estate of whatever nature or kind, either in possession, expectancy, or reversion I give & bequeath unto my son Joseph Albert Royall; also that part of my estate that I have loaned to my wife during her natural life I give to my said son after the death of his mother; But it is expressly my will and desire that in case my said son Albert should not arrive to the age of twenty one years or marry that then the whole of what I have divided him shall be equally divided between my brothers (Wm^t) Joseph & A. Royall, William Royall & James F. Royall; But in case that either of my said brothers should die before my son Albert, without leaving lawfull issue, that then the said estate should be divided between the survivor or survivors of them, or the issue of the survivor or survivors of them such issue if more than one to have the part divided among them that their father would have been entitled unto in case of his being alive at the time of the death of my said son Joseph Albert.

Thirdly: I do hereby constitute and appoint by this testament my brother William ^{Royall} guardian to my said son Joseph Albert and do invest him with full and ample powers over that part of my estate that I have divided unto

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the use of the hands mentioned above; which several bequests
are to be considered in lieu of her right of dower.

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kind, either in possession, expectancy, or reversion I give &
bequeath unto my son Joseph Albert Royall; also that part of
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& Royall, William Royall & James, & Royall; But in case
that either of my said brothers should die before my son
Albert, without leaving lawfull issue, that then the said
estate should be divided between the survivor or survivors of
them, or the issue of the survivor or survivors of them
such issue if more than one to have the part divided among
them that their father would have been entitled unto in
case of his being alive at the time of the death of my said
son Joseph Albert.

Thirdly, I do hereby constitute and appoint by this
testament my brother William ^{Royall} guardian to my said son
Joseph Albert and do invest him with full and ample
powers over that part of my estate that I have divided unto
my son Joseph Albert, so that he may sell or exchange
any part thereof that he may think will be conducive
to the interest of my said son, as I myself might or could do
were I living; also it is my will that in case my wife should
die before my said son arrives to the age of twenty one years
or marries, that in case of such an event that my said brother
William have as guardian the same control over that part

of my estate that I have lent to my wife during her life as I have given ^{been} ever that part devised to my said son. And having implicit confidence in my said brother William it is my desire that security be not required of him as guardian of my son, and do require and expect of him that he will have my son well & virtuously educated and that he will have him qualified for such profession as his education and talents may fit him for.

Fourthly it is my will that the whole of my estate be kept together untill my just debts are paid.

Fifthly it is my desire that my estate be not appraised & that my executors hereafter named be not required to give security for the execution of this my last will.

Lastly I do appoint my brother William Royall & my worthy friend William Archer Cocke executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills heretofore by me made. As Witness my hand & Seal this twelfth day of January one thousand eight hundred & three.

Signed sealed & acknowledged
in presence of

John Royall Junr (seal)

John Royall

John Winston

Wm. Cocke

John R. Robertson

A codicil explanatory of that part of the first clause of this my last will and testament relating to Emily and her child. Whereas I have some doubts respecting my title to the inchoate & Child Family now it is my desire that my wife Elizabeth Royall shall possess in fee simple all the right title or interest that I have or may have in said slave Emily with her present and future increase which I give to her and her heirs forever.

Fourthly, I desire that the whole of my estate be kept together untill my just debts are paid.

Fifthly, it is my desire that my estate be not appraised. What my executors hereafter named be not required to give security for the execution of this my last will.

Lastly, I do appoint my brother William Royall & my worthy friend William Archer Coche, executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills heretofore by me made. As Witness my hand & Seal this twelfth day of January one thousand eight hundred & three.

Signed sealed & acknowledged
in presence of

John Royall Junr (seal)

John Royall
John Winstons
Mr. Coche
John C. Robertson

A codicil explanatory of that part of the first clause of this my last will and testament relating to Emily and her child. Whereas I have some debt respecting my title to the wench & child Fanny, now it is my desire that my wife Elizabeth Royall shall possess in fee simple all the right title or interest that I have or may have in said slave Emily with her present and future increase which I give to her and her heirs forever.

Whereas in the third clause of this will I left my brother William guardian to my son Joseph Albert with full powers and controul over my estate both real and personal whereby he may buy sell or exchange for the benefit of my said son. Now in case of the death or any other disability of my said brother William which may take place before my said son arrives to the age of twenty one years or marries

then I do hereby invest my friend William A. Coche
with the same powers to act as guardian to my said son as
I have given to my brother William in the former part of
this will. In witness my hand and seal this 12th day
of January 1803.

John Royall her seal

Signed sealed & acknowledged
in presence of

Wm. Coche

John Royall

John R. Robertson

At a court held for Powhatan county the 16th day
of March 1803 This last will and testament of John Royall
dec'd together with the Codicil thereto annexed was presented
in open court and proved by the oath of John Royall and
John R. Robertson two of the witnesses thereto whereupon
ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Wm.
Royall and William A. Coche the executors named in the
said will who made oath thereto certificate is granted
them for obtaining probate thereof in due form.

(ex 3)

Teste
J. R. Robertson Secy

Mayo & Co. exors
for W.
Mayo's estate

KNOW all men by these presents that we Catharine
Mayo and James McLaurine and Joseph McLaurine are
held and firmly bound unto Littleberry Mosby, Thos. Harris
Francis C. Harris James Crawford and Gared Marshins
gentlemen Justices in the commission of the peace for Powhatan
county in the sum of three thousand dollars to be paid to
said Justices their executors, adm^{ors} or assigns to which
payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and
our heirs and assigns lawfully made in the

Wm. A. Coche
John Royall
John R. Robertson

A court held for Powhatan county the 16th day of March 1803 This last will and testament of John Royall dec^d together with the Codicil thereto annexed was presented in open court and proved by the oath of John Royall and John R. Robertson two of the witnesses thereto & thereupon ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Wm^o Royall and William A. Coche the executors named in the said will who made oath thereto certificate is granted them for obtaining probate thereof in due form.

(as)

Test
J. P. Boardman Secy

Mary C. estate
and for W.
Mary's estate

WE all men by these presents that we Catharine Mayo and James McLaurine and Joseph McLaurine are held and firmly bound unto Littleberry Nesby, Tho^s Harris Francis C. Harris, James Crawford and Isaac Marshins gentlemen Justices in the commission of the peace for Powhatan county in the sum of three thousand dollars to be paid to said Justices their executors, adm^{rs} & assigns to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves and every of us our and every of our heirs ex^{ors} & adm^{rs} jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 16th day of March one thousand eight hundred and three. The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound Catharine Mayo executrix of the last will and testament of William Mayo dec^d do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular

the goods chattels and credits of the said dec^d which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of the said Catharine Mayo or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for her and the same so made do exhibit into the county court of Powhatan at such time as she shall be thereunto required by the said court and the same goods chattels and credits and all other the goods chattels and credits of the said dec^d which at any time hereafter shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of the said Catharine Mayo or into the hands & possession of any other person or persons for her do well and truly administer according to law. And further do make a just and true account of her actings and doings therein when thereto required by the said court, and also shall well and truly pay and delivery all the legacies contained and specified in the said testament as far as the said goods chattels and credits will thereunto extend, and the law shall charge you. Then this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force & virtue.

Sealed & delivered in presence
of Powhatan county court
the 16th day of March 1803
intended to be recorded.

Catharine Mayo (seal)
James McLaurine (seal)
Joseph McLaurine (seal)

Test
J. A. Coindexter, Clk

KNOW all men by these presents that we Catharine Mayo, Seth Ligon and Daniel Mayo are held & firmly bound unto Littleberry Masby, Thomas Harris, James E Harris, George Williamson and Henry W. Watkins gent^l Justices of the county court of Powhatan now sitting, in the sum of two thousand dollars to which payment well & truly to be made to the said Justices and their successors

hereafter shall come to the hands of the said Catharine Mayo or her assigns or the hands & possession of any other person or persons for her do well and truly administer according to law. And further do make a just and true account of her actings and doings therein when thereto required by the said court, and also shall well and truly pay and delivery all the legacies contained and specified in the said testament as far as the said goods chattels and credits well therewith extend, and the law shall charge you. Then this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force & virtue.

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of Powhatan county court
the 16th day of March 1803
ordered to be recorded.

Catharine Mayo (seal)
James McLaurine (seal)
Joseph McLaurine (seal)

Test
A. S. Coirdeater, Clk.

KNOW all men by these presents that we Catharine Mayo, Seth Sigon and Daniel Mayo are held & firmly bound unto Littleberry, Masby, Thomas Harris, Francis E. Harris, George Williamson and Henry W. Watkins gent^l Justices of the county court of Powhatan now sitting, in the sum of Two thousand dollars to which payment well & truly to be made to the said Justices and their successors we bind ourselves and each of us, our and each of our heirs, executors & adm^{rs} jointly & severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 16th day of March anno Domini 1803.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the said Catharine Mayo administratrix of the goods chattels and credits of Thomas Thompson Swann dec^d administered by his former adm^r William Mayo de

