

gift to her child on condition that y^e said boy be sold

George
Hancock
will

In the Name of God Amen I George Hancock of prince of ann County being in a very weak
valoo Condition of body but of sound & perfect sense & memory thanks be to god for y^e same & having
advised to settle my Temporal affairs do make my last will & Testament in manner following
first I give my soul to god who gave it me Trusting in y^e merits & Intercession of my
Saviour Jesus Christ to receive full pardon of all my sins & a Joyful resurrection at y^e last day
my body to y^e earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Exors hereafter named my words
to stand as follows -- I give & bequeath unto my brother William Hancock that part
of land which my father gave to my brother Ashwell Hancock now De: according to the bounds
theroof to him & his heirs for Ever also my best suit of wearing cloaths: -- It I give unto my
son Geo: Hancock my plantation & land whereon I now live to him & his heirs for Ever
I give & devise unto my son Hillary Hancock my plantation & land called wolfe neck together
with my part of y^e land Surveyed & lation up betwixt my self & m^r. Lom. Tholaball to him & his
heirs for Ever also I give him my son Hillary my negro boy called Corason to him & his heirs for
Ever -- I do hereby order & appoint that all my part of piny Island be sold to the best advantage &
y^e produce thereof arising to go towards paying my Just debts hereby Impowering my Exors to make
sale theroo: -- It I give & bequeath my part of that Island of marsh which is betwixt Henry
Holmes & my self unto my son Geo: Hancock & to his heirs for ever: -- I give & bequeath unto
my daughter Elizabeth Hancock my negro girl called vilot to her & her heirs for Ever also: one
now father bod & ap^t: of gods bells which was her mothers like wife a good saddle & bridle that was
her mothers: -- I give unto my daughter Francis Hancock one of father bod & second best: It I give
& bequeath unto my daughter Mary Hancock the next best bod: -- my will & desire is that my Exors
purchase a rugg & onop^t: of shoots a piece for each of my said Daughters Eliz^a. Fran^{cis}. & Mary to
whome I give y^e same & that y^e cost of y^e said ruggs & shoots be deducted out of my Estate: -- my will
& desire is that my negroes Jack Coaser Tom & popaw may be kept at work by my Exors & the
profit or income which shall arise from their Labour to be employed to the bringing up of my
children & paying my debts & if either or any of y^e said four negro men shall be dying whom my
children come of age my desire is that they may be equally divided betwixt Geo: Francis and
Mary Hancock my children to whome I give y^e said negroes: the Division to be made as they
attain their severall & proportioned ages: -- my will & desire also is that m^r. Lomuel Tholaball
take into his care & custody my plantation at wolfe neck & the land

Saltheroof: -- I give & bequeath my part of that Island of marsh which is betwixt Henry-
 Holms & my self unto my son Geo: Hancock & to his heirs for ever: -- I give & bequeath unto
 my daughter Elizabeth Hancock my negroe girl called vilot to her & her heirs for ever also: one
 now feather bod & ap: of gold bobs which was her mothers like wife a good saddle & bridle that was
 her mothers: -- I give unto my daughter Francis Hancock one of feather bod & second best: I give
 & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Hancock the next best bod: -- my will & desire is that my Exors
 purchase a rugg & onop: of shoots a piece for each of my said Daughters Eliz: Fran: & Mary to
 whom I give & send that I lost of said ruggs & shoots bod & deduct out of my Estate: -- my will
 & desire is that my negroe Jack Coaser Tom & popaw may be kept at work by my Exors & the
 profit or income which shall arise from their Labour to be employed to the bringing up of my
 children & paying my debts & if either or any of said four negroe men shall be binding when my
 children come of age: my desire is that they may be equally divided betwixt Geo: Francis and
 Mary Hancock my children to whom I give & send negroe: the Division to be made as they
 attain their several & respective ages: -- my will & desire also is that Mr. Samuel Tholaball
 take into his care & custody my plantation at wolf rock for to employ & work of said negroe
 upon until my son shall come to age: -- I give my rings & what of my wife wearing cloath
 is in my house to be equally divided betwixt my three daughters Eliz: Fran: & Mary: -- my will &
 desire is that what debts is due & owing to me from any publick or as many as possible be gathered
 together by my Exors or whom they shall think fit to impower for the Collecting thereof & as they
 are collected to be immediately paid to such as have any publick Tot: claims against me as being due
 to me: I give unto Mr. Tholaball Twenty Shilling, to buy him a ring in memory of me
 I give unto my son Mary wished one double gown in memory of me: -- all of rest of my Estate
 of what nature or property, however not be fore given I give to my five children to be equally divided
 amongst & betwixt them or any survivors of them after all my just Debt & funeral & poney & abated
 I do hereby appoint my brother Geo: Hancock my friend Mr. Samuel Tholaball to be witness & of this my
 last will & desireing them to see & send duly & truly performed in witness & confirmation whereof I have
 set my hand & seal the 3. of february 1720

Read & sealed in presence of
 Mary H. Holmes Charles
 & Thos.

Sworn to by William Hancock & proved by
 Geo: Hancock & Thos.
 57. December 1720