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In the name of God, Amen. I

Andrew M^cClean of Augusta in the State a-
foresaid Merchant, being weak in body, but of sound
and perfect Mind and Memory (blessed be God)
do this third day of July in the year of our Lord
one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four,
and in the eighth year of the Sovereignty and
Independence of America, make and publish
this my last Will and Testament in manner
and form following: /Viz/ first, It is my will
and pleasure that my Executrix and Executor
hereafter to be named, do keep /if possible/ my
whole estate together and by the most convenient
and judicious means employ and manage
the same, so as to pay and make a final settle-
ment of all my just debts, that is, not to dis-
pose or sell any part of it if it can be avoided,
but by the collection of the many and large sums
of money due and owing to me, and by the labour
of the Negroes and rent of lands and houses, main-
tain and educate my family, and make pay-
ments by Installments, this mode /it is expect-
ed/ will be adopted in the settlement of all
debts due from this Country to the Merchants
of Great-Britain giving power and authority
nevertheless to my said Executrix and Executor
/should this mode not answer the payment of
the said debts/ to sell and dispose of property
either real or personal to satisfy my just

debts aforesaid they taking care, in that case,
first to dispose of such part of the property as can
be best parted with, so as not to deprive my wife
and Children of a proper Inheritance hereby
intended them

Also, I give and bequeath to my son Andrew
Cooper his Heirs and, Assigns the plantation or
tract of land adjoining the Common of Augusta,
and on which I now live (except such part thereof
as is hereafter given to my beloved Wife Catharine
during her natural life and no longer) contain-
ing sixteen hundred Acres, be the same more
or less, the quantity of which will more fully ap-
pear by referring to the different Grants and convey-
ances now in my possession, the same in case
of the death of my said Son Andrew Cooper, before
he attains the age of twenty one years, or in case
of his dying before that age without lawful Issue,
then to descend to my second son William his
Heirs and Assigns. he the said Andrew Cooper
paying to my son William and to my daugh-
ter Mary, each one fourth part of the value of the
aforesaid plantation or tract of land the same
to be valued by three indifferent persons to be ap-
pointed by my said Executrix and Executor or the
Survivor of either of them, and in case of the death
of my son Andrew Cooper as before expressed,
and the plantation descending to my son William,
he the said William to pay to his Sister Mary one
third of the value of the said plantation to be valu-

ed as aforesaid, the payments in either case
 to be made by five annual Installments, to
 commence in one year after the person who in-
 herits the same shall come to the possession there-
 of.

Also, I give and bequeath unto my beloved
 Wife Catharine the full use and possession with
 every advantage and benefit therefrom of the
 dwelling house and Stores with the Garden
 and all the Land lying between the Garden
 and the town of Augusta, on the north side of
 the road or between the road and the river, of
 my plantation in Augusta before described
 during her natural life and no longer, with
 one fourth part of the neat income of the planta-
 tion and use of the negroes for and during
 the term of her natural life as aforesaid with-
 out impeachment of Waste. And I give and
 bequeath unto my beloved Wife Catharine
 as aforesaid the full interest of the moneys
 lodged in her name in the hands of James -
 Jackson esquire Merchant in London, and
 likewise the full interest of what money may
 at this time be in the hands of Mr. William -
 Clark my Executor hereafter mentioned for
 and during her natural life as aforesaid -
 with the use of any Six of the House Servants
 she may chuse for her life as aforesaid. And
 I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ca-
 tharine all

And I Lean (L.S.)

all my household furniture, riding Carriage
and any six horses she may chuse with all my Stacks
of black cattle and Sheep to her and her Heirs forever

Also, should my daughter Mary marry with the
approbation of my Executrix and Executor they are at
liberty to make a division and give her her propor-
tion of my Estate at the time of her marriage, if other-
wise, my will and pleasure is that the Estate be
kept together untill my said daughter Mary shall
attain the age of twenty one years

Also, in consideration of the faithful services of
my Servant Mary Brook during my last illness,
it is my will and pleasure that she be manu-
mitted and set free whenever her Mistress my
beloved wife Catharine shall judge proper. Also,
my friend and Executor William Clark is hereby
authorized and empowered to manumit and set
free my Servant boy Doney Grant whenever he
may judge proper

Also, all the remainder and residue of my
Estate both real and personal to be equally divi-
ded amongst my three children Mary, Andrew
Cowper, and William, share and share alike, and
at the decease of my wife Catharine the money
as aforesaid lodged in the hands of James
Jackson esquire and the money in the hands
of Mr. William Clark to be equally divided
between my three children, Mary, Andrew
Cowper, and William share and share alike.
And lastly, I nominate and appoint my

beloved wife Catharine Executrix and my
 friend William Clark Executor of this my
 last Will and Testament to take care and
 see the same performed according to my true
 intent and meaning) — In Witness where
 of I the said Andrew M. CLean have to this
 my last Will and Testament set my hand
 and Seal the day and year above written

Signed sealed published And M. CLean (L.S.)
 and declared by the said
 Andrew M. CLean the Tes-
 tator as and for his last
 Will and Testament, the
 words, his Heirs and assigns
 in the sixteenth line after
 the word Cooper, being first
 interlined in the presence of
 us, who were present at the
 signing and sealing thereof
 also the words with the Garden
 in the thirty first line after
 Stores being interlined —

L. Elbert
 David Douglass
 Thos. Sullivan

Georgia.

Before me George Jones Esquire Register
 of Probates for the County of Chatham
 in the State aforesaid.

Personally appeared The Honorable Samuel
 Elbert, Esquire one of the subscribing witnesses

to the Last Will and Testament of Andrew
 McClean late of the State aforesaid Merchant
 deceased, who being duly sworn, maketh oath
 and saith, that he was present and did see the
 aforesaid Andrew McClean, Sign, Seal, pub-
 lish, pronounce and declare the aforesaid In-
 strument of writing, to be and contain his last
 Will and Testament, and at the execution there-
 of to the deponents belief he was of sound and
 disposing mind and memory, and that he
 the deponent with David Douglass and Flores,
 Sullivan subscribed their names as Witnesses
 thereto at the request and in the presence of the
 said Testator and in each others presence.

Sworn to this 18th April 1785. Albert
 before Geo. Jones

M^{rs} Catharine McClean named Executrix and
 William Clark named Executor in the aforesaid
 last Will and Testament qualified as such &
 taking the oath prescribed by law.

Given under my hand this 18th
 day of April 1785. Geo. Jones