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Edward Jones being duly sworn saith that he was present and did see the within named John Stirk, Testator, sign Seal publish and declare the within to be his last Will and Testament and that at the execution thereof the said Testator was of sound mind, Memory and Judgment and that Leonard Marbury and William Lambeth subscribed their names together with this Deponent as Witnesses thereto at the request of the said Testator Sworn this 7th day of December 1781. before me — Edward Jones

Geo. Derbager M. C. C.
DR. C. Ordry

I do hereby Certify that on this 8th day of December 1781 — Hannah Stirk, named an executrix in the annexed last Will and Testament of John Stirk, was duly qualified as an executrix before me, by taking the oath prescribed by Law.

Ja^s Wright

A true Copy

Attest.

Geo. Derbager Dep. Reg.

In the Name of God Amen. I John Cater at present of Savannah in the Province of Georgia Practitioner of Physick being weak in Body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this twenty third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two; make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following viz^t First my Will and desire is that all my Just debts and funeral expences be fully paid and satisfied so soon as conveniently may be after my decease? And as to all my real and personal Estate, wherever it may be, and also several Negroes and other Slaves, with their increase, which I obtained and received into my possession from Stephen Cater late of the Parish of St. George in South Carolina my Uncle

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Under by a Deed of Gift, bearing date the twenty third day of August, one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine, and is more particularly mentioned and enumerated in the same will appearing, give and devise the same and every part thereof unto my Dear Wife, Susannah Cater her Heirs and Assigns for ever. And I make and Ordain her my said Wife sole Executrix, of this my Will, hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made, and do declare this only to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said John Cater have to this my last Will and Testament set my Hand and Seal the Day and year abovesaid.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Cater the Testator, as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who were present at the signing and sealing thereof

John Cater

(L.S.)

David Montaigne J. P. Not. Pub.

Jos. Farley

J. Brooke

Before me David Montaigne Esquire Register of Probate for the County of Chatham in the State of Georgia.

Personally appeared Francis Brooke one of the Subscribing witnesses to the within written last Will & Testament of John Cater of Savannah deceased, who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of almighty God, made oath that he was present and did see the said Testator, sign, seal, publish, pronounce and declare the same to be & contain his last Will and Testament & that he was of sound & disposing mind & memory to the best of his knowledge & belief, & that he with the said David Montaigne & Joseph Farley subscribed their Names as Witnesses thereto, at the request & in the presence of the said Testator, & in each others presence.

Sworn at Savannah the 10 Oct: 1782

David Montaigne R. P. C. C.

J. Brooke

South Carolina fo.

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Know all Men by these Presents that I Stephen Cater
of Saint George's Parish & State aforesaid doth for and in
consideration of y.^e love & affection which I have and bear unto
my beloved Nephew John Cater now of y.^e State aforesaid
Practitioner of Physick & for divers other causes & considerations
in thereunto moving have given & granted & by these Presents
do give & grant unto the said John Cater y.^e following Negroes
& other Slaves viz^t named, Abram, Tisa & her two Children,
Meliah & George, George y.^e elder, with his Wife Nanny, Dick,
Cyrus, January, Clarissa, July ^{& Child} Charlotte, to have & to hold all
& singular the aforesaid Negroes & other Slaves with their
increase unto the said John Cater his Executors Administrators
& assigns for ever, and I the said Stephen Cater all & singular
y.^e aforesaid Negro & other Slaves & their increase to y.^e said
John Cater his Executors Administrators, and assigns against
all persons whatsoever shall & with Warrant & for ever defend
by these Presents in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & Seal this twenty ^{fourth} day of August in y.^e Year of our Lord
One thousand seven hundred & Seventy Nine

Witness hereunto

W^m McGillivray

Stephen Baker

Steph. Cater

(LS)

The foregoing & the above are true Copies taken from the Originals
Register's Office the 20th October 1782

Per^t Montaigne
R.P.C.C.