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In the Name of God Amen, I Jane Som-
merville of the State of Georgia, Widow, being in a low
State of Bodily Health, but of sound mind, Memory and under-
standing, do make this my last Will and Testament, in manner
and form following, To wit, I give and bequeath unto my dearly
beloved Uncle, Colonel Robert Rae of Augusta, all that
Plantation, Messuage and Tract of Land, situate, lying and
being on Savannah River, near the Town of Savannah and
known by the name of Rae's Hall, with all and singular, the
appurtenances thereunto in anywise belonging or appertaining,
to him and his heirs forever, I likewise give and bequeath
unto the said Robert Rae, an Island in the River Savannah,
opposite to the House called Rae's Hall, and known by the name
of the little Island; I also give and bequeath unto the said Ro-
bert Rae in Trust, for and during the term of his natural life,
all that Plantation, Messuage or Tract of Land, whereon he
now lives, situate, lying and being in the district of Augusta
aforesaid, with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto
belonging or in anywise appertaining; also my large silver
Tankard. — And I do likewise give and bequeath unto the
said Robert Rae, all that Plantation, Messuage and Tract
of Land, situate, lying and being on the North end of Hutchin-
son's Island, with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto
belonging, or in anywise appertaining: To have and to hold, the
aforesaid Plantations of Rae's Hall, the little Island, that on Hutchinson's
Island and the silver Tankard, together with all and singular the
appurtenances thereunto, and to each of them respectively belonging,
unto the said Robert Rae, and his heirs forever. — and

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the said Plantation in Augusta aforesaid to him the said Robert Ræ during the continuance of his natural Life, as life as aforesaid, then to descend to the next Lawful Heir of the Family. — I do give and bequeath unto my dear Niece Ann Sommersville, my Lot in the Town of Savannah, together with all the buildings thereupon, and all and singular the appurtenances thereunto in anywise belonging or appertaining; the said Lot having formerly belonged to her Father Edward Sommersville, likewise Forty of my Negroes in Families, according to the direction of my Executors hereinafter mentioned, also a Negro Girl named Sapho, the remaining half of my Silver Plate, and all and singular my wearing apparel, my Gold Watch, my Chaceon and pair of Horses, to have and to hold all and singular the premises given and bequeathed, as aforesaid unto the said Ann Sommersville, and her heirs forever. — I give and bequeath unto my God-daughter, Ann Johnston, a Lot in the Town of Augusta aforesaid, formerly the property of her Father Richard Johnston, with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging, likewise three Negroes, viz^t. Dina, Selina, and little Sam; to have and to hold the said Lot and Negroes unto the said Ann Johnston and her heirs forever. — I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Church, Daughter of the wife of the aforesaid Colonel Ræ, the sum of Five hundred pounds, lawful Money of the State of Georgia aforesaid. — I do hereby will and bequeath and give unto my Negroes, Tom, commonly known by the name of Narciss's Son, and a Mustee Fellow, called Bob, their Manumission and Freedom. — And further I do hereby give, bequeath and devise, all and singular the Remainder of my Real, Personal and Movable, unto my aforesaid Uncle

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Robert Ræ, my dear Cousin James Ræ of Augusta, aforesaid,
Elizabeth Elliot and her Children, Isabella Habersham, and
Sarah Gwinn, wife of Richard Gwinn, to be equally divided
betwixt them the said Robert Ræ, James Ræ, Elizabeth
Elliot (wife of Colonel Samuel Elliot) Isabella Habersham
wife of Colonel Joseph Habersham) in share and share alike.

And lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint
the aforesaid Colonel Robert Ræ, James Ræ and Colonel
Samuel Elliot, Executors of this last will and Testament,
and I do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made, and de-
clare & publish this to be my last will & Testament. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, at Augusta aforesaid
this tenth day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, one thousand
seven hundred & seventy nine.

Jan^e Commensville. *J. C.*

Signed, sealed, published
and declared by the said Testator
Jan^e Commensville, as and for
her last will & Testament, in the
presence of us, who in her presence
and at her request have subscribed
our names as testifies, this unto.

J. Garrison
James Johnston
Robert Howe

A true copy of Mrs Jan^e Commensville's Will Certified this
28th Feb^y 1781. before *W. Goodwin* &c.
James Thompson &c.