

The last Will & Testament of H. Boughtby Merchant stands thus recd  
 ourt of Chancery In the name of God Amen. Willing aby Merchant  
 being sick bedde in bodey but et h Perfect sense and memory thank  
 be to the almighty god for the same. Therefore calling to minde the  
 Mortality of mans bodey knowing that it is appointed for all men to  
 die. I give & Bequeath my Soul into the handes of Almighty god in  
 yester day of my bodey. Commande it to be left to Buriall in a  
 Christian like manner in the Decrees of my Executors hereof as  
 appropriate and as for my Corpse I stote wherewith it shall be see  
 God will Requiesce with in this life I have purpose of the same in death  
 and from followyn that is to say —

I Item I give & Bequeath to my Brother Colob Merchant my Plantation & farm  
 now by the name of Tabaccoea Pointe as also that part of my brother Ben  
 Cattell and hedges which belong to his said Plantation to him & his Heir aforesaid  
 negro boy Called Luke & one negro girl Called Millie as also my horse named Luke  
 horses & caes Item I give & Bequeath to my Brother Egidon Merchant one mule named  
 Called Dick & one negro woman called Esther as also my horse Derrick & also my  
 Dash and one Toller also eight head of sheep & eight horses of caes as also part of  
 of Stock & Cattle which I have on the plantation whereon I now live to him & his  
 heirs Item I give & Bequeath to my brother Colob Cobitt two negroes <sup>as</sup> wife and wife  
 to him & his heirs. Item I give & Bequeath to my friend John Merchant son of  
 & two others Item I give & Bequeath to my Brother Abijah Merchant the Residenc  
 wherein I now live as also one negro boy Called Rubens to her & her Heirs  
 Lawfully begotten of her bodey and my will & Desier is that if the said Abijah  
 Merchant should die without such lawful Heirs that the said land and negro should Desire  
 to my Brother Peter Merchant and his heirs & my Desier also is that my Brother Ben  
 Merchant it have the care of the said Land & negroes. The said Ben Merchant &  
 the age of eighteen or Marries Item I give & Bequeath to my brother Peter Merchant  
 my son spiting of him as also the one half of my Stock of present cattle & also that part  
 of my Stock of pasture that is used & fed on the said wharson I now live in also  
 that part of my hedges which is now a ffeid on the older branch neck in also  
 Right & Left of each of eight horses of caes. My will & Desier is that the said Peter  
 Merchant & his child Lawfully Begotten amongst my three Brothers or else  
 their Children by their Merchant of that three shoulde pay all my Debts. In  
 one paying an equal part and of their several legacies  
 And I do appoint my brother Peter Merchant & Egidon Merchant to be my  
 true and lawfull executors Denying all other will or wills whatsoever so  
 ordain this my last will & Testament in witness whereof I have sette unto  
 my hand and seal this 17th of April 1762 H. Boughtby Merchant

Attestd Nathaniel France Esq<sup>r</sup> Not<sup>r</sup>  
 William Read Not<sup>r</sup>

Henry Jones

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