

March Term 1804 (298)

In the case of John Brown I Abolished Dukes of the County of
Pun on account of North Carolina being a slave state
Money and interest Dukes in 1800 and 1801 having the
interest of this life at the rate of 5% per annum in the year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty seven
make Dukes and declare this instrument of Writing to be my
Last Will and Testament

First it is my Will and desire that all my Last Dukes be paid which
are but a small amount having died and desired to be paid
all my principle Dukes except a debt claimed by J. H. H. H.
No. amounting to 2468. 11. 8. 1/2 including about 350 pounds
interest up to the first day of March 1776. the interest that
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my Claim after that date I do not want Just as I was
Obliged to receive paper collation for the debts due to me at the
same time & by which I suffered a loss of Seven Thousand
pounds including interest

The Estate I am at present possessed of after my capital losses
is between the 1/2 of Seven Thousand acres of land in thirty three
tracts as it divides and grows in the Counties of Orange, Brunswick
Punon and Brunswick which at a low estimation is worth in
Virginia Money £ 2750. - I have debts due to me as follows to the
County of 5000. - 1750 pounds Virginia Money in the whole
exclusive has called Dukes to be paid 2 and 1/2 Dukes and pounds
which I expect will not be collected which is the whole of my estate
English plantation stock to be 1/2 which I shall not now undertake
to enumerate. It is also my will and desire and I do hereby authorize
and empower my Executors hereafter mentioned to sell all
the land above mentioned or any part thereof either at public
or private sale and either for ready money or on credit not to
exceed four years from the time of sale I also empower
my said Executors or either of them to make 1/2 Dukes and
or Dukes in full for all or any part of the land
above which they my Executors or either of them may
sell or dispose of for the purpose of paying of my last
debts

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I have and my beloved son John Dukes my wife
Dukes to him and his heirs forever
I give and bequeath unto my beloved son William
Dukes to him and his heirs forever my share of the
estate of John Dukes & his heirs
I give unto my beloved son James Dukes and his
heirs forever my share of the estate which was purchased
of John Dukes and his heirs in the year of the
year and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Dukes
all the Union and Vincennes of my Estate both real
personal & of her and her heirs forever
but as my Daughter Sally Dukes and
her husband not being able to do any thing for themselves in
this business I trust them to the privatest care of their
friend of mine who I trust will spare well will supply
for them
I give will and testament as is that my son and
pay attention to the interest of his Dukes and to ensure
and take care of whatever things may come into his
hands for them I do not care and to pay to them as
they may of age or money
I do hereby appoint my beloved son William
and Samuel Dukes to be my last Will and Testament
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal the day and year above written
Signed published & declared to be my last Will & Testament
in the presence of
Domesmore Robert Dukes Seal
One in County March Term 1804