

South Carolina } Bond £1000
County of York }
James Caswell Esq.

Know all men by these Presents that we Charles Gordon Benjamin Cleveland and John Brown of the County of Wilkes and State of North Carolina are well and lawfully bound unto Richard Caswell Esq. Governor of the said State in the full and just sum of one hundred pounds current money of said State to be paid to the said Richard Caswell Esq. and his Successors which Payment well and Truly to be made we bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally by these Presents sealed with our seals and Dated this 2^d Day of March Anno Domini 1778

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas the above bound Charles Gordon hath this Day been appointed Governor of the County of Wilkes by the County Court And if the said Charles Gordon shall well and Truly Execute and Discharge his said Office as Governor and according to Law then the above Obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and Virtue

Done and Delivered
In Presence of
Jm^r Leveir Esq.

Chas Gordon Esq
Ben Cleveland Esq
John Brown Esq

South Carolina }
The County }

We the Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly to lay out and appoint a Right Place in the County of Wilkes where to erect the Court-house Prison Pillory and Stocks of the said County Having met and lawfully considered the same do Adjudge and appoint the Place where the Cultivators Meeting-house stands to be the more central suitable and proper where to erect the Public Buildings aforesaid Given under our hands this 3^d Day of June 1778

John Parks
John Barton
George Gordon
Francis Warrapoor
Rowland Mead
George Moyer
John McWhorter

South Carolina } Bond £100 per Davison
County of York }
Justice

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Know all men by these Presents that we George Parks Benjamin Cleveland and Samuel Richnall of the County of Wilkes and State of North Carolina are well and lawfully bound unto Benjamin Hornston Justice of the County Wilkes and his Successors in the full and just sum of one hundred pounds current money of said State to be paid to the said Benjamin Hornston and his Successors to which Payment well and Truly to be made we do bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally jointly by these Presents sealed with our seals and Dated this 2^d Day of June 1778

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas the above bound George Parks hath charged with a Davison Child Begotten on a certain Jane Davison Now if the said George Parks do well and Truly Indemnify the County by maintaining the said Child and keeping it from becoming chargeable to said County then this Obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and Virtue

Done and Delivered
In Presence of
Jm^r Leveir Esq.

George Parks Esq
Ben Cleveland Esq
Samuel Richnall Esq

Anthony Date } Bond £100
County of York }
Justice &c

Know all men by these Presents that we Anthony Date Benjamin Green & Thomas Low of the County of Wilkes and State of North Carolina are well and lawfully bound unto Benjamin Cleveland Justice of the County of Wilkes and his Successors in the full and just sum of one hundred pounds current money of said State to be paid to the said Benjamin Cleveland and his Successors to which Payment well and Truly to be made we bind ourselves our Heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally jointly by these Presents sealed with our seals and Dated this 11th Day of December 1778

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas the above bound Anthony Date hath charged with a Davison Child Begotten on a certain slender Baker Now if the said Anthony Date do well and Truly Indemnify the County by maintaining the said Child and keeping it from becoming chargeable to said County then this Obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and Virtue

Done and Delivered
In Presence of
Jm^r Leveir Esq.

Anthony Date Esq
Benjamin Green Esq
Thomas Low Esq

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ I John Parks Esq of Wilkes County
 am Sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks
 be given to God for it therefore Calling to mind the mortality of
 my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to
 see death I do hereby make and seal this my Last will and Testament
 That I give principally and first of all, I give and Recommend
 my soul into the hands of Almighty God that ordained it and
 my body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent
 Christian manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing
 doubting but at the general Resurrection shall Receive the
 of the Mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate
 where with it hath pleased God to Bless me with in this world
 I Give and Dispose of the same in the following Manner and for

My wife

I Give and Bequeath unto my loving wife my negro woman called Mary
 her natural life and after her Decease the said woman to, settle
 the Estate again and her increase and as for the Part of my negro
 My will and desire is that they may be valued and then equally
 Divided Between my Children and as for my Dwelling place
 on and To-A my Desire is that it may be Divided in three parts
 and valued and then Equally Divided Between my Children and
 and as for my Write of land in the South State I should obtain
 a Write to it my Desire is that it may be Divided as aforesaid
 and as for my household Goods my will and Desire is that my wife
 may have the use of them During of her Life and after her
 Decease to be Divided as aforesaid I Do appoint my loving
 wife, John Parks and my son Benjamin Parks my whole
 Sole Executors of this my Last will and Testament In witness
 where of I have set my hand and Seal this 13 of February 1784
 Jesse Alexander John Parks

This will was produced in Your Court by John and Benjamin
 Parks and was proved by the Cathol. Cathol. Parks and Jesse Alexander
 who were sworn there and ordered to be Recorded & duly

sent

State of North Carolina Wilkes County
 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ I Javis Bishop of the County
 of Surry being Sick and weak in body but yet of perfect sense
 and memory thanks be to God and on Consideration that
 Life and time is uncertain: I do make and seal this my
 Last will and Testament I Give and Recommend myself into
 the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I Recommend
 to the Earth at the Discretion of my Executors: and as to my worldly
 Estate I Give Devise Bequeath and Dispose of the same in
 the following manner and for

My wife

I Give and Bequeath to my son Roger Bishop my negro man
 Alexander and a negro boy named Joseph to him and his heirs
 forever

Item

I Give and Bequeath to my son Francis Bishop a negro man
 called Benney and a good Tractor Bid and furniture and
 Relinquish all Demands against him for my Debt due on
 Your Claim Concerning the plantation whereon Francis Bishop
 now lives

Item

I Give to my Daughter Elizabeth Elliott all my wearing clothes
 of every kind whatever

Item

I Give and Bequeath to my son Samuel Bishop a negro woman
 named Lucy and her future Increase to him and his heirs
 forever and likewise I Give and Bequeath to my son Samuel Bishop
 the plantation whereon lately lived and still he and the same
 Belonging which I purchased of Isaac Bradston

Item

It is my will and that all the Rest of my Estate be it of what kind
 never may be Equally Divided Between my three sons Roger
 Bishop Francis Bishop and Samuel Bishop

Further

I Appoint my son Roger Bishop and my son Francis Bishop
 Executors of this my Last will and Testament and hereby Invest them
 with full power and Authority to execute the same according to the
 Sense and Substance of this and none other will and Testament
 I have made and Confirming this and none other to be my Last
 will and Testament On witness where of I have hereunto set
 my hand and Seal this 14 of March 1784

Signed Seal & Delivered

Javis Bishop
 in presence of proved By the Oath of Saml Long
 m Long

April Term 1784

North Carolina

Know all men by these presents that we Rebecca Brown former
Widow of John Brown deceased are held and firmly bound by the
said John Brown deceased to the said Governor of the Colonies
in the sum of five hundred pounds of lawful money of the said
Province of North Carolina to be paid to the said Governor
or his assigns or his executors and assigns to the which said sum
well and lawfully to be made we bind our heirs our heirs
Administrators Executors and assigns by these presents
sealed with our seals and Dated this 28 Day of April 1784
The condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bounden
Rebecca Brown Administratrix of all and singular the Goods and
Chattels Rights and Credits of James Brown deceased deceased
do make a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the
Goods and Chattels Rights and Credits of the Deceased which have or
shall come to the hands knowledge or possession of the said Adminis-
tratrix or into the hands or possession of any person or persons for her
and the same or made do Exhibit or cause to be Exhibited into the
Sovereign Office and One Third Copy thereof to the County Court
of the said County of Administration packed within ninety Days of the
Date of these presents and the same Goods Chattels and Credits and
all other the Goods Chattels and Credits of the Deceased at the time
of his Death which at any time hereafter shall come into the hands
or possession of the said Administratrix or into the hands or posses-
sion of any other person or persons for her do well and truly adminis-
ter according to law and further do make or cause to be made a true
and just account of her said Administration within one year after the
Date of these presents and all her said Goods Chattels and Credits
and Chattels Credits which shall be found remaining upon the
said Administration account the same being first Examined and
allowed by the Governor and Council General Court or County Court
shall Deliver and pay unto such person or persons as the Court
shall think fit to be made pursuant to the true Intent and mean-
ing of the act in that behalf made and provided and if it shall happen
that any will or Testament was made by the said Deceased
and the Executors or Administrators therein named do Exhibit the same
into Court making Oath not to have it altered or opposed
or secondarily of the said Administration above bounden
being lawfully required to render and Deliver the said Oath
of Administration Approval of such Testament being first
made and made in the said Court then this Obligation to the said
Rebecca Brown shall remain in force and Virtue Rebecca Brown

Signed Seal & Delivered

In presence of

J. Wheatley & Co. sent

James Fisher

John Howard

John Brown

April Term 1784

To 99 acres of land

To 4 negroes

To 100 head of horse Breeds

To 25 head of West India

To 37 head of Hogs

To 14 head of Sheep

To 9 Beds and furniture

To 2 pots on Kettle one Oven

To five painted Rooms 3 Dishes 18 plates

To 3 Chests

To 1 small Bellows and Vice Sludge hammer

To 1 hand hammer and 1 small hammer 2 Sledge hammers

To 4 axes and two Ben Shaws

To five Loco small tools

To one Bond of eighty pounds Virginia money Due

To Debt Due from Ben Packer twenty pounds sterling

To two Guns one Wagon and Gear

To 2 Shovel plows one Whip One saw one large saw

John Packer

This Inventory was Return'd By John Packer Esq.
ordered to be Recorded

Sent