

In the name of God Amen

I Joseph Ward of the State of South Carolina and County of Abbeville being weak in body but of Sound Judgment and memory blessed be Almighty God for his Mercies Calling to mind my mortality & knowing that It is appointed for all men once to Die Do Constitute And appoint this my last Will and Testament - And first I Do give and bequeath my Soul to God who gave It humbly beseeching his Gracious Acceptance of the same In and through the Merits and Intercession of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And my body to the Dust to be Decently Interr^d. At the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named And What Wordly property God has been pleased to bless me with I will ~~to be disposed of~~ in the manner following Viz- As soon as possible let all my Just Debts be paid - I Do bequeath to my beloved Wife Agnes Ward my plantation With what of the Stock & plantation tools She may Reasonable Conclude to be Sufficient to Work the Same and Support Her and my Children this She is to have During her Widowhood And afterwards to be Sold and the price Equally Divided between her and the Children Viz Mary & Jane giving Each an Equal part the Remainder of my property Of Every Species to be Sold and my Debts that are owing To Me Collected and Equally Divided between my Wife and Children as affs^d. I also give and bequeath to my Brother Peter Ward Five pounds Ster.¹ And I do Constitute And appoint William Ward And Francis Carlile to be Executors of this my last Will and testament - Signed & Sealed this 13th Day of March In the year our Lord 1796

In presence of

Joseph Ward (Seal)

Thomas Adams

David Welch

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