

Nicholas Duke last Will & Testament

1782

In the Name of God Amen

Nicholas Duke last Will & Testament belonging to his Majesty James the Third under the Command of the Hon^{ble} Cap^t Libby now in the Province of South Carolina being Very Sick of Body but of a Firm and Disposing Mind and Memory Thanks be to God for it and Calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty of this Mortal State To ordain by make this to be my last Will and Testament & first and principally I recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God that gave it hoping for Salvation by and through the Merits & Mediation of Jesus Christ My only Lord and Saviour and my Body I commit to the Earth to be Peaceably Buried according to the Discretion of my Executors hereon after named and as to such worldly Goods as I have I hereby give and Dispose of them in manner & form following I Will that all my Just Debts and funeral Charges be Paid Soon after my Death.

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Item

I give and Bequeath unto my Wife beloved and Faithful friend James Laurence of Charles Town in the Province aforesaid all my Estate & more especially my wages which are Due to me for my Service on board the Happy Swan now under the Command of the Hon^{ble} Captain Lloyd as aforesaid and I do hereby nominate constitute and Appoint my said James Laurence to be Executor of this my Last Will & Testament Revoking all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made and Declaring this alone to be and Contain my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Tenth Day of August in the year of our Lord 1782

In the Within Instrument of Writing as is signed Sealed Published & Declared by the Testator Nicholas Duke as and for his Last Will & Testament in the presence of us who have signed thereto as Witnesses to the said

John Laurence

David Addison

Nicholas Duke (Seal)

August

August 22 1782

Before his Excellency the Governor & Ordinary of South Carolina &c.

Personally

James and Alexander John Laurence & Benjⁿ Radwin the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and on their Oaths taken on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God did Declare that they and each of them were personally present to the said within Nicholas Duke sign Seal publish and Declare the said within Will to be his last Will & Testament & that the said Testator was at that time of sound & disposing Mind and Memory to the best of their Dependent knowledge and belief; and that they severally subscribed their Names as Witnesses to the said within Will in the presence of

My Name Day the Executor James Laurence from the Executors both & Testator Oaths to be granted

Sworn before me

Robt Johnson

22 August 1782

James Michie

For the Hammering

Mortgage by John Arnold and Christopher Smith of Charles Town in the Province of South Carolina Merchants To John Moore

To all to whom these presents shall come Know Ye That John Arnold and Christopher Smith of Charles Town in the Province of South Carolina Merchants being lawfully indebted to John Moore of the same Place in the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds Current money & whereas the said John Moore at the Special Instance Request and Desire of the said John Arnold & Christopher Smith hath on the Day of the Date hereof Entered into one bond or Obligation with them to the said John Arnold & Christopher Smith their Executors Administrators and Assigns for the Payment of the said sum of one thousand five hundred pounds Current money with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent per annum from the day of the Date hereof until the said sum of one thousand five hundred pounds Current money shall be paid in full and whereas the said John Arnold & Christopher Smith are lawfully indebted unto and now actually possessed of Divers Negroes Slaves that is to say the said John Arnold of the

Namely King, George, Jack, Dick, London, and Buffon to the said Christopher Smith
of his due and they five men and one Woman named, Towerville, Samba, Crazier Peter
Harry and Saraka and they the said John Arncliffe & Christopher Smith being minded
and willing to save themselves and their property and the said John Moore, & secure
him of and from all charges to be levied by or against a whoremaster containing
his Entering into the said Bonds with them as aforesaid **Therefore we**
the said John Arncliffe & Christopher Smith for both Consideration of the said John
Entering into the said Bonds or Obligation as aforesaid & for his Security & Indemnity
to him in Consideration of the Sum of Ten Shillings that is to say five Shillings to
each of us in hand paid by the said John Moore at or before the Sealing
and Delivery hereof the Receipt Whereof we and each of us Do hereby Acknowledge
and Confess **Have Grant** and either of us Hath granted bargained
sold been plain and open Markett Delivered and by these presents Do
give Grant Bargain, Sell and in plain & open Markett Deliver
unto the said John Moore, all these the afore mentioned twelve Negroes
that is to say King, George, Jack, Dick, London, & Buffon belonging
to me the said John Arncliffe & the said six Negroes Towerville, Samba, Crazier
Peter, Harry & Saraka belonging to me the said Christopher Smith
To have & to hold the said twelve Slaves named King, George, Jack, Dick,
London, Buffon, Towerville, Samba, Crazier Peter, Harry & Saraka with their heirs
heirs forever unto the said John Moore his Executors Administrators or Assigns forever to and for
the only use benefit & behoofe of the said John Moore his Executors Administrators
Assigns forever **Provided** always yet nevertheless & upon
this Condition that if they the said John Arncliffe & Christopher Smith or
either of them their or either of their Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns shall
at any time & truly pay or cause to be paid unto the afore said John Moore
Joseph Moragg Paul Jongs Olivers, Biddle and the said Lamboll or any or either
than their any or either of their Heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns the
Sum of one thousand and one hundred pounds Current Money on the said Eleventh
Day of March in this present Year one thousand seven hundred thirty
or the said before they themselves or Indemnify the said John Moore his
Heirs Executors Administrators or from all such charges Damages & Expenses which

That he truly & honestly may sustain Suffer or be put to for by Reason or means
And Entering into the said bond as aforesaid that then & from thence forth this
present Bargaine & Sale & Conveyance & Clause & thing herein Contained shall
Cope & Performe & be fully & truly & any thing herein Contained to the contrary
Therof notwithstanding **Witness** our hands & Seales this fourth Day of
June Anno Dom. 1731

David & Beloved in the presence of us (our God bless them)
 Spanish made of being first Beloved in the name of the child }
 David Allen
 Nathaniel West
 J. Hickins

*Memorandum that this 27th Day of July Anno Domini 1732
David Allan made Oath on the Holy Evangelists that he did see the
within Named John Arnoll & Christopher Smith Legn Seale & as their
Deeds & did deliver the within Written Instrument of Writing Importing
to be a Mortgage the said John Moore & that Joseph Bliskins Nathaniel
Harte & him the said David Allan did subscribe their names
as Witnesses therunto*

Sworn Before me

1. Die Augusti Anno Domini 1732

Thos. Gregory,

22. August 1732. Recorded

James Michie
for Sir James Michie
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