

Nicholas Duke last Will & Testament

In the Name of God Amen

Nicholas Duke belonging to his Majesty's Navy the Happy 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 He ordain by make this to be & contain my Last Will and Testament & first and principally I recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God that gave it hoping for Sebastian's and through the Merits & Mediation of Jesus Christ My only Lord and Saviour and my Body I commend 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 placed by my Will I 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.

first Item

I give and Bequeath unto my Wife beloved and Faithful friend James Lawrence 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 Lawrence to be Sole 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 Laurens
Benj Addison

Nicholas Duke

August

August 22 1782

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

Personally

James and Appraisers John Laurens & Benj Addison 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 the Testator's presence

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

James before me
Robt Johnson

22 August 1782

James Michie

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 Fennick Joseph Henry Paul Jones Othman & John Lamb of the Parity of Ten thousand and two hundred Pounds Current Money with Condition that the said John Arnold & Christopher Smith shall on the Day of the Date hereof pay unto the said John Moore the sum of one thousand five hundred Pounds Current Money with Interest thereon for Payment of the said sum of one thousand five hundred Pounds Current Money On the Eleventh Day of March which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one and whereas the said John Arnold & Christopher Smith are lawfully indebted unto and now actually indebted of Divers Negroes Slaves that is to say the said John Arnold of the