

To all Christian People

To Whom this Present I shall come, Greeting Know ye that I, John Bennet of Charles Town, the Province of South Carolina, Shop keeper for & In Consideration of the Sum of Forty Pounds (Fort Landfall Money) of the said Province to me in hand Paid by Rich^d Wright, Wm^r to the State of John Wright Esq^r of Charles Town aforesaid Gen^l the Receipt Whereof I, the said John Bennet Do hereby Acknowledge & thereof & of Every Part thereof Do Exonerate Acquit & Discharge the said Rich^d Wright & his heirs Executors & Admors Every of Them, by these Presents, I the said John Bennet Have & Forgiven & sold by these Presents Do fully, Clearly, and Absolutely bargain & sell unto the said Rich^d Wright his heirs Executors & Admors forever the Negro Boy called Cyrus unto the said Rich^d Wright on foot of the aforesaid Administration; his heirs or Assigns forever more & I the said John Bennet for my self my heirs Executors & Admors Do forevermore Grant to be unto the said Rich^d Wright his heirs or Assigns by these Presents that at the Time of Insalving & Delivery hereof from the Transcribe & Landfall Owners & Proprietors of the said Negro & having my self good right & absolute authority to bargain & sell him in manner aforesaid being free of any Incumbrances what soever & also that I the said John Bennet my heirs Executors & Admors the aforesaid Negro unto the said Rich^d Wright his heirs Executors & Admors against the Claim of any Person or Persons whatsoever shall & will Warrant & Defend by these Presents

Provided always that these Presents are upon this Condition never the less that if the said John Bennet his heirs Executors or Admors any or either of them shall wellfully pay or Cause to be paid to the said Rich^d Wright his heirs Executors or Assigns the full & just sum of forty Pounds (current money of the said Province) on the Twentieth Day of March next the said Landfall interest at Ten per Cent. That then this Present I do every Clause Article & thing herein contained herein shall & shall be Determined to be utterly Void to all intents & Purposes any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in any Wise notwithstanding In Witness Whereof I the said John Bennet have hereunto set my hand & Seal the twentieth Day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & thirty two

Scaled & Delivered

in the presence of

Rob^t Hutchinson,
Wm^r Hutchinson

John Bennet

South Carolina

Personally appeared before me Daniel Crane, Esq^r W^m Hutchinson, who being duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists, of Almighty God Declares that he was Present & saw John Bennet, Signe Seal & Deliver the within Instrument of Wrighting & selling Rich^d Hutchinson, Signe as a Witness thereto

Sworn to before me this 22^d Day of August 1732
Daniel Crane
Recorded
James Michie for J^r Hutchinson

the last will and Testament of William Bennet dec^d N^o

In the Name of God Amen
William Bennet of Berkeley County in the Province aforesaid Indian Trader being Sick & weak of body but Sound & perfect both of Mind and Memory Praise be given to Almighty God for the same & Calling to Remembrance the uncertain State of this Transitory Life and that all flesh must yield to Death Do make, Ordains, Constitute and Appoint these Presents to be my Last Will & Testament In manner & form following, that is to say, first & Principally I bequeath my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Hoping & assuredly believing the Salvation of the same & my body I Commit to the Earth to be Buried in such Manner as my Executors which are to be named, shall think fit, & after all my just Debts and Funerals Charges are fully satisfied to paid & my body Interred as aforesaid Then as for what Temporal Estate it hath pleased God to bestow upon me of His heavenly Give, Do give & Dispose of the same in manner & form hereafter set Down Limited & Expresses
I Do hereby Give, Devise & bequeath unto my loving Wife Mary Bennet my dear & loving Daughter, Bennet all my Estate Both Real & Personal, what soever Nature or Quantity or whatsoever the same may be of, or whatsoever the same may be found To them and their heirs for ever Equally to be Divided between them share & share alike

to Lastly I Do hereby Appoint Mr. James Le Bas & Mr. Charles Holyday my
Heirs and Sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, Providing
and making such to be all other Will and bequest heretofore by me
made and Declaring these Presents to be only my Last Will & Testament
in Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twentieth
Ninth Day of July Anno Dom 1732.

This Testate was signed, sealed,
Published and Delivered by the testator
Within named Will. Bennett, to be his
Last Will & Testament in Presence of

his
William WB Bennett Seal
Mark

J. T. Summers
Patrick Brown
George Little
Mark

August 17: 1732 Before His Excellency
the Governor & Ordinary of the
Province of South Carolina &c

Personally came and appeared, George
Littell, one of the three Witnesses to the annexed Will, & on
his Corporal Oath on the holy Evangelists taken, did declare
that he was personally present and did see the above named
Wm. Bennett sign, seal, publish and declare the same to be
last Will and Testament, and that the Testator was at that
time of sound and disposing mind and memory to the best of
this Deponents knowledge, and that he saw John Summers
and Patrick Brown the other two Witnesses to the said Will
sign their Names to the same, as such in the Testators presence
before me Robt. Johnson
Recorded Aug 25th 1732 The Lamboll, for
J. T. Summers

Also Dan l. Green Esq. Governor of
Province of South Carolina
25th 1732.

South Carolina. Know all Men by these Presents that I James
Le Bas do renounce and refuse the Execution of the
last Will and Testament of Wm. Bennett decd, and I do
hereby constitute and appoint R. Whitaker Esq. to exhibit
this my renunciation and refusal before His Excellency the
Governour and Ordinary of this Province. In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Sixteenth
day of August 1732 James Le Bas - S
Signed & sealed in the presence of George Little
George Little & his mark. R. B. the other Executor viz. Charles

Charles Holyday did this 15th August 1732.
Aug 15th Citation issued; Cap^t Daniel Green having
appeared as principal Creditor of the dec^d. for Letters of
Admin^{on}, cum Test^{am} annex^{ed}.

Recorded Aug 25th 1732 The Lamboll for
J. T. Summers

South Carolina J. Robert Johnson Esq.
Cap^t Gen^l Governor in Chief in and over
His Maj^{ty} Province of South Carolina,
and Ordinary of the same.
To Daniel Green Esq.

Whereas the last Will and Testament of Wm.
Bennett late of this Province decas^d was on the Seventeenth
day of August in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven
hundred and thirty two, at Charles Town in the Province
aforesaid before me the said Governor and Ordinary, proved
approved and allowed of, the copy of which Will is to these
presents annexed; the said deceased having whilst he lived
and at the time of his death, divers goods, rights and credits
within the said Province. by means whereof the approbation
and allowing of his Testament, and the power of granting
the administration of all and singular his goods, rights &
credits, and the auditing the accounts, calculations and
recherings of the said Administration, and a final
distribution and discharge from the same to me is manifest
ly known to belong; And Whereas Charles Holyday
one of the two Executors in the said Will named is also lately
deceased, and James Le Bas the other Executor surviving hath
refused to take upon him the Execution of the said last Will &
Testament, and, Adverting that the said Goods, rights & credits
which were of the said William Bennett dec^d may be well
and truly administered, converted and disposed of to pious
uses, Do therefore grant unto you the said Daniel Green (in
whose fidelity in this behalf I very much confide) full power