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The State of South Carolina. In the County of York I Henry
Laurens of the City of Charleston and State aforesaid do hereby declare
the following to be my last Will and Testament whereby I revoke all
former and other wills or testaments by me hitherto made. I direct my
Executors and Executors hereinafter named, or such of them as may
qualify on this will, to pay as soon as they can consistently with
the general Interest of my Estate all my Lawful Debts, and in case
that Income of my Estate should not be sufficient so to do I hereby au-
thorize and empower them to sell and convey such part or parts of my
Real Estate, as they may deem most expedient, should it be in their opinion
more advantageous to keep my personal property unsold. After all my
just debts are paid, I give devise and bequeath my Estate real and personal
as follows, that is to say, First I give devise and bequeath one third thereof
to my beloved wife Eliza Laurens to her, her heirs, Executors, administrators
and assigns forever, absolutely and in fee simple and I do hereby authorize
and empower my said wife to select or choose such part or portion of my
property as she may think proper to the amount of this aforesaid one third
part of the whole. Secondly I give devise and bequeath the rest residue
and remainder of my Estate real and personal to be divided equally among
my children Shaw and Shaw alike or the issue of such as may be dead (they
issue or children always representing their parents and taking among them
the share or shares to which their parents would have been respectively

that I reserve of my Estate I should not be suffering to
authorize and empower them to sell and convey such part or parts of my
real Estate, as they may deem most expedient, should it be in their opinion
more advantageous to keep my personal property unsold. After all my
just debts are paid, I give devise and bequeath my Estate real and personal
as follows, that is to say, First I give devise and bequeath one third thereof
to my beloved wife Eliza Lambert to her, her heirs, Executors, administrators
and assigns forever, absolutely and in full power and I do hereby authorize
and empower my said wife to select or choose such part or portions of my
property as she may think proper to the amount of this aforesaid one third
part of the whole. Secondly I give devise and bequeath the rest, residue
and remainder of my Estate real and personal to be divided equally among
my children I have and I have alike or the issue of such as may be dead (the
issue or children always representing their parents and taking among them
the share or shares to which their parents would have been respectively
entitled) their heirs, Executors, administrators and assigns forever, excepting
nevertheless the share or portion which may be allotted to my son Henry
Laurens, which I devise and bequeath to my friend William Davis during
his heirs and assigns in trust, to pay over the Interest or Income of the same
annually to my said son Henry during his natural life (or if convenient
by quarterly annual payments) and after his death to convey the same
to the issue of his body lawfully begotten their heirs, Executors and

administrators and assigns General But in case of his dying without
lawful issue living at the time of his death then it is my Will that his
portion shall be equally divided among those of my children as may
survive him and the issue of such as may as may be dead the issue
always taking among them the share which they to which their parents
would have been respectively entitled. I hereby give and bequeath the
Snuff Box which was presented by Louis the Sixteenth King of France
to my Brother the late Col. John Laurens to my son John Ball
Laurens requesting him as he values the gift but not imposing it upon
him as an indispensable obligation never to dispose of it out of my
family. I do hereby direct my Executors and Executors to cause
to be erected in St. Philips Church a Monument to the memory
of my Father, my Uncle who died in the South of France and my
Brother and I do especially direct them to cause the remains of
my Brother to be removed from Cambridge and deposited in the
family burial grounds at Mepkin alongside of the remains of
my Honored Father. Lastly I do hereby nominate to constitute and
appoint my Wife Eliza Laurens and my Eldest Daughter Elizabeth
Rutledge named Executors and my son John Ball Laurens my friend
Heath Simmons, Heathy Lewis Simmons and Joshua Mc Loomis Executors
of this my last Will. Witness my Hand and Seal this twenty fifth day
of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and

Heating Sumner, Heating Lewis Sumner and Joshua W. Sumner Executors
of this my last Will. Witness my Hand and Seal this twenty fifth day
of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and
Nineteen and of American Independence the forty third

Henry Laurens (Lg)
Signed Sealed, published and declared by the Testator Henry Laurens
as his Last Will in our presence who in his presence and in the presence
of each other, have signed our names as Witnesses thereto.

Fred^r Rutledge L. Rutledge Stotes Rutledge
Proved before James B. Mitchell Esquire C. C. J. C. June 21st 1821
At the same time Qualified Eliza Laurens Executor and John Ball
Laurens and Joshua W. Sumner Executors. February 5th 1861 qualified Eliza
Ball Rutledge former Executors thereto named.

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The State of South Carolina. In the Name of God Amen
I Joseph Birby late of Camden County State of Georgia but now of
the City of Charleston State aforesaid considering the uncertainty of life
and being sick in body but of sound and disposing mind and
memory thanks to Almighty for the same. Fully revoking all other
Wills by me at any time heretofore made. do make publish and declare
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following
to wit. First it is my will and desire that all my just and lawful
Debts be paid out of my personal property except Negroes, furniture
and my wearing apparel. Should the Debts due and owing

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