

John of Administration
Granted to John Bull

Arthur Middleton Esq. M.D.
Comander in Chief of this Province
& Ordinary of the same

To John William Bull.

Whereas William White late of St. Georges Parish in
Berkley County in the Province of South Carolina deceased lately
did Intestate having whilst he lived & at the time of
his Death diverse goods & credits within the Province
before him & whereby the full disposition & power
of granting the Adminⁿ of all & singular the goods & rights
of the said William White made the auditing of
the said Accounts & Recoverings of the same for said
Adminⁿ & a final disposition of the same to me is
manifestly known to belong & desiring that the goods
Rights & Credits which were of the said Deceased may be well
and truly administered converted & disposed of do hereby
in this behalf very much (Confide) full power by the
Credits of the said Deceased to him in his life time & at
the time of his Deceased did belong & to ask collect levy
recover & receive the same & to pay the Debts in
which the said Deceased was obliged so far forth as the
goods rights & Credits will extend according to their Rates
Order of Law being first sworn on the holy Evangelists
of Almighty God to make a full & perfect Inventory thereof
& to exhibit the same into the Secy^{ry} Office in Charles
Town in order to be Recorded on or before the tenth day
of March next ensuing & to render a true & just Account
required by the said Laws & Conditions to you the said
William Bull Administrator of all & singular the goods
whereof I have herewith set my hand & Seal the six &
twelfth year of his Majesty's reign Anno Dni 1725 in the

Witnessed

Ar. Middleton

John Hart Secy.

By the Hon. Arthur Middleton Esq.
Pres^{nt} Comander in Chief & Ordinary
of this Province.

These are to Authorize and In power you or any three or
four of you whose Names are hereunder written to repair
to all such parts & places within this Province as you
shall be directed unto by Co^l John Bull Administrator of
all & singular the goods & chattels & Credits of the said
Deceased & to view any of the goods of the said Deceased are or
do remain within the said parts & places which shall be
shewn to you by the said John Bull & there view & appraise
all & every of the said goods being first sworn on the
holy Evangelists to make a full and perfect Inventory &
appraisement to cause the same to be returned under your
or of any three or four of you into the Secy^{ry} Office
at Charles Town in order to be Recorded on or before the
tenth day of March next ensuing. Dated this six and
twentieth day of November in the twelfth year of his
Majesties reign Anno Domini 1725

To Mr. Malachi Blazie
Mr. Gifford Clapp
Mr. Thomas Waring
Mr. John Hill and
Mr. Joseph Brunsor

Ar. Middleton

Recorded the 26th
of November 1725

or any three or four of them

John Hart Secy.

By his Son & Demand John Hart Secy.

The Last Will & Testament of Nicholas Stevens of Charles Town in

In the Name of God Amen. I Nicholas Stevens of Charles Town in
Berkley County in the Province of South Carolina being Sick and weak in Body
but of sound Mind and Memory, Thanks be therefore to Almighty God, do make
and give this my last Will and Testament in Manner following, That is to say,
First of all I bequeath my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God, hoping for a
Glorious Resurrection through the Merits of my blessed Lord and Redeemer
Jesus Christ, and my Body to the Earth to be buried in decent manner at the
Discretion of my Executors herein after named and unto what worldly Goods it
shall please God to bless me with I dispose of the same in the Manner
following, I Imprimis I will that my Executors herein after named do pay or
cause to be paid all my just Debts. Item, my Will is that immediately after
my Decease my Executors do hire out my Negro man named Sath, and my
Negro Woman Flora, and that the clear Monies arising from the

Share of the said Negroes for the Term and space of two years be equally divided amongst John & Rebecca three children share & share alike & that at the Expiration of the said Term of two years the said Negroes & the entire Property of them be to my Executors & their Heirs for ever to be equally divided between them share & share alike.

Item I do hereby give, devise and bequeath unto John & Sarah Dale Esq. and Mr. John Brand whom I hereby appoint Executors of this my last Will and Testament and to their Heirs for ever all my lands and Tenements, Goods and Chattels and all other my real and personal Estate where soever lying & being in the Province aforesaid to be equally divided between them share & share alike, And I do hereby revoke all former Wills and Codicils by me heretofore made & declaring this only to be my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seal to this my Will on this 25th Day of December 1725

February 1725
Signed Sealed Published & Declared by the said Testator as
his last Will & Testament in the presence of his whoat
his witnesses & I have subscribed and signed as
witnesses therunto.
Joseph W. Adams
John C. Smith
James Smith which

Nicholas Stevens (S)

Before the hon^{ble} Arthur Middleton Esq. Esq. and Comm^{dr} in
Chief of his Majesties Province of South Carolina personally came
appeared Joseph Williams Alice Will & James Kilpatrick the 3
Evidences to the within Will who being duly sworn on the holy
Evangelists of Almighty God declares that they and each of them were
personally present & did see the within Testator Nicholas Stevens sign
said Will & declare the said Instrument to be his last Will and
Testament & that at the doing thereof he was of sound mind & memory to the
best of their Depont^{ts} knowledge and that they the 3 Depont^{ts} sign this same
as witnesses in the presence of the said Testator

Taken this Twenty Fifth Day of November Anno Domini 1725
and in the 5th Year of his Majesties Reign

At: Middleton

Recorded 26 Nov 1725 of Charleston City

The Hon^{ble} Arthur Middleton Esq. Esq. & Comm^{dr}
in Chief in & over this his Majesties Province of South
Carolina & Ordinary of the same.

To all to whom these Presents shall come greeting.

Know ye that on the 25th & 26th day of Nov. in the year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred & twenty five the last Will & Testament of Nicholas
Stevens Deceased was proved approved and Allowed of, the said Deceased having whilst
he lived & at the time of his Death diverse goods rights & Credits in this
Province aforesaid by means whereof the approbation & allowing of his Testam^{ts}
& the power of granting & Admon^{ts} of all & singular Goods rights & Credits
of the said Deceased & also the Auditing the Accounts Calculations & reckonings of
the said Admon^{ts} & final Dismissal & Discharge from the same to me is
manifestly known to belong & that & Admon^{ts} of all & singular the Goods
rights & Credits of the said Deceased & his Testam^{ts} any manner of way Comming
was Committed unto John & Sarah Dale & John Brand named in the said Will
& Testam^{ts} being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God well &
faithfully to administer the same & to make a full & perfect Inventory
all & singular the goods rights & Credits of the said Deceased & to exhibit the same
into the Secretarys Office in Charles Town in order to be Recorded at or before
the Tenth day of March next ensuing & to render a just & true account
Calculation & Reckoning thereof when thereunto Required

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
Seal this 25th & 26th day of Nov. in the 5th Year
of his Maj^{ties} Reign Anno Domini 1725

Recorded 26 Nov 1725 of Charleston City

South Carolina

By the Hon^{ble} Arthur Middleton Esq. Esq. & Comm^{dr}
in Chief & Ordinary of this Province

There are to Authorize & Impower you or any three or four of you whose
Names are hereunder written to repair to all such parts & places in this
Province as you shall be directed unto by John & Sarah Dale Esq. & John
Brand Executors of the last Will & Testam^{ts} of Nicholas Stevens Deceased Whereas
any of the goods of the said deceased are or do remain within the said parts
& places it shall be shewn to you by the said John & Sarah Dale & John Brand
and there View & apprai^{se} all & every said goods being first sworn on the
holy Evangelists to make a full and perfect Inventory & appraisment & to
Cause the same to be returned under your hands or if any three or four of
you into the Secretarys Office at Charles Town in order to be Recorded on
or before Tenth Day of March next ensuing

To Mr. Thomas Turbitt Dated this 25th & 26th day of Nov. in the 5th Year
of his Maj^{ties} Reign Anno Domini 1725
The Hon^{ble} Arthur Middleton Esq. Esq. & Comm^{dr}
John Williams Secretary

Recorded 26 Nov 1725

of Charleston City

on any three or four of them