

within named Exor. this third day of March 1741/2
Record 2 April 1742.

J. Hammeton

Eduard Best.

South Carolina.

In the Name of God, Amen

the Sixth day of October, in the Thirtieth Year of His Majesties Reign and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Nine I Eduard Best, of Charles Town in the Province of South Carolina, Gent being in Health of Body, and of Sound mind and Memory (Blessed be God) but considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the Time thereof do therefore Make my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking and declaring all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made, to be Null and Void, and this Only to be and stand as and for my last Will and Testament. First and Principally I commend my Immortal Soul into the hands of Almighty God, my Creator, through the Merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer, and my Body I commit to the Earth, to be buried in a decent and Christian-like manner, with such Expences, as to my Executors hereinafter named shall seem, suitable and convenient and concerning the Temporal Estate and all such Worldly Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements, wherewith it hath Pleased the Lord in his Goodness to bless me, I Will and Ordain that the same and every part and Parcel thereof shall be disposed of in manner and form following, that is to say, I Will order and appoint that all my Just Debts and Funeral Expences shall be well and duly paid and discharged in convenient Time after my Decease.

Item

I Give and Bequeath unto the Vestry of the Parish of St. Philip, Charles Town in the Province aforesaid, for the Time being, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Current Money of the said Province, to be paid them as soon as possible after my Decease, without any deduction, Upon Trust, Nevertheless and to the Only Use and Purpose hereinafter mentioned limited and declared of, for and concerning the same, that is to say the said Vestry and their Successors, the Vestry for the Time being, of the said Parish, for Ever, do and shall annually put out the said Sum of One Thousand Pounds, to Interest, on Good Securities, and the Clear Profits or Interest thereof, Receive pay and apply from time to time, to and for the Relief of such Poor and Indigent People in the said Parish, as are not then Chargeable on and Supported by the said Parish, and the Principal be continued or put out again to Interest, and remain as Perpetual Fund for the Purpose aforesaid; & no other.

Item

I Give and bequeath unto the Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and the Survivor and Survivors of them, their Exors and Admors, The Sum of One Thousand and Five hundred Pounds Current Money aforesaid, without any Deduction, Upon the Special Trust and Confidence Nevertheless and to and for the several and respective Uses and Purposes, hereinafter expressed limited and declared of for and concerning the same and no other: that is to say, that my said Exors. and the Survivors and Survivor of them, his Executors and Administrators do and shall yearly and every year put out the said sum of One Thousand Five hundred Pounds, to Interest, on Good Security, and such Interest Money or Clear Profits Receive yearly pay and apply to and for the Sole separate Use and Maintenance of my Niece Sarah Rutledge, without the let, Controul or Consent of her Husband, for and during the Term of her Natural Life, and not long and after her Decease, to and for the use and Maintenance of the Children

Sealed published and declared by Edward Burt as an
Alteration Addition to the bodice of his last Will and Testa-
ment in the Presence of us who at his Request and in his Presence
have Subscribed as Witnesses.

A. Garden
Martha Garden.
Mary Brown
Samuel Bunt

South Carolina.

By the Hon^{ble} Will^m Bull Esq^r Lieutenant Governor Commander
in Chief and Ordinary of this Province This Day appeared before me James Withers
& Thomas Gamboll who being duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty
God Declareth that they were present and saw the Testator Edward Burt sign
seal and Pronounce the within Will to be and Contain his last Will and Testa-
ment & that he was then of sound disposing mind and Good understanding
and also that the other Subscribing Witnesses Tho^s Boulton & Samuel Groleau Jun^r
was at the same time With them & signed their names as Witnesses in the Presence of
the Testator. And also that the said James Withers & Thomas Boulton upon the
said Oath Declareth that they were present and saw the said Testator sign seal
and pronounce the first bodice to be and Contain his further and real will and
Testament and that he was then of sound Mind and good understanding
and that the other Subscribing Witnesses Tho^s Boulton & Samuel Groleau Jun^r
signed their Names at the same time and at presence of the Testator. And also
that the third bodicell Annex was also signed and Declared by the said Testa-
tor to be and Contain his last Will and mind as an addition to this said first
Will in Presence of the Jur^{ts} Mr. Alexander Garden and Mary Brown who being
also duly sworn and Declareth that he the Testator was then of sound Dispos-
ing mind & Understanding and that Martha Garden & Samuell Bunt were
present at the same time & subscribed their Names as Witnesses and in the
Presence of the Testator.

And at the same time swore David Burt and John McCall Executors to
this said Will, Sworn this 22^d February 1741 before me

Wm Bull

Recorded 1st June 1742 Ed.

Esther Elliot.

In the Name of God Amen.

I Esther Elliot of S^t Andrews Parish in Berkeley County in the province
of S^c Carolina widow being sick & Weak in body but of perfect Mind and
sound memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same do make & Ordain
this my last Will and Testament in manner form following: First and prin-
cipally I Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God Trusting in
the merits of My blessed Saviour Jesus Christ for the pardon & remission of my
Sins & my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion
of my Executrix hereafter named. And as to what Movable Estate it has
pleased God to bestow upon me I give devise and bequeath the same as follows:
And first my Will is I do hereby order all my just & legal funerall Charges
to be fully satisfied and paid as soon as conveniently may be after my Decease.

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J. Hammeton

Eduard Best.

South Carolina.

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Child of her Body lawfully begotten, and surviving in equal parts or shares until such time and Times as they he or she shall come of age, or have Lawful Issue, and then pay and divide the Principal Sum of One Thousand Five hundred Pounds aforesaid unto and amongst such Surviving Child or Children of my said Niece, equally, Share and Share alike, as he, she or they shall respectively become so intitled; And by default of such Child or Children of my said Niece, as aforesaid, pay and apply the said Interest Money or Clear Profits, to and for the use and Maintenance of the Children or Child of the Body of my kinsman John Best, of this Province, begotten and Surviving, in equal Shares until he, she or they shall come of Age or the Daughter or Daughter be Married, and then pay and divide the said Principal Sum unto and amongst such Surviving Child or Children Equally; Share and Share alike, when he, she or they shall become so intitled respectively.

Item I give and devise unto Hugh Best, the Son of the aforesaid John Best, and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever in case he shall attain to the Age of Twenty One Years or have Lawfull Issue of his Body begotten, my Messuage or House and so much of the Ground and Appurtenances where I now live on the Bay of Charles Town aforesaid (as it is now divided from the Brick House and Ground fronting Union Street) as belongs to the said Bay House otherwise I Give and devise the said Bay House or Messuage and Premises unto Best the Son of my Brother Thomas Best, to him his heirs and Assigns for Ever.

Item I give and devise unto my Brother Tho: Best his heirs and Assigns for Ever my Brick House or Messuage where Mr. Withers now lives, fronting Union Street in Charles Town aforesaid and the Grounds and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, as it is now divided by Fence and separated from the said Ground Belonging to my other House on the Bay.

Item I Give and devise unto Hugh Best and Amias Best, the Sons of my Brother Amias Best, equally to be Shared and divided between them and their respective heirs and Assigns for Ever, all that my upper Tract of Land, And its appurtenances measuring and containing Six hundred and Forty Acres more or less, situate on St. Helena Island in this Province.

Item I give devise and Bequeath unto and amongst the several Children that shall happen to be living at my Decease, of my kinsman Philip Best, of Froome in Somersetsshire Great Britain; The Father of Thomas Best whom I brought with me to this Province but lately deceased, to be Equally shared and divided between them severally and respectively, and their several and respective Heirs, Executors, Admors and Assigns for Ever, All that my Plantation or Tract of Land at Pon Pon containing Eight hundred Acres more or less, with all and singular the Buildings Tenements, Hereditaments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging as also all and singular the Slaves living Stock, Implements Tools Utensils whatsoever on the said Plantation being or thereunto appertaining Nothing but the Crop for the time being excepted, which I will shall give to my Exors to Give moneys to discharge and pay of my Other Debts.

Item as for all the Great and Residue of my Estate Real, Personal or Mixed whereever and whatsoever whether consisting of Signs, Houses, Tenements, Hereditaments, Cereals, Farms, Rents, Judgements, Bonds, Specialties, Bills, Notes, Accounts, Assignments, Mortgages, Debts, Moneys, Bank Stock, or other Stock, Annuities, Goods, Chattels, Names, Merchandizes or any other thing, My Mind and Will is And I hereby authorize and empower my Exors hereinafter Named and the Survivors and Survivor of them, and the Exors and Admors of such Survivor with all convenient Speed after my Decease, to sell, Alien, Convey, Assign, Release, Collect, Receive and dispose of the same either Intire or in parcels, in all form of Law unto such Person and Persons (being the highest Bidder or Bidders) his, her or their heirs and Assigns for Ever, as they or he

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shall think fit for the most Moneys that can be got, which Moneys I Will, Order and Ordain shall be wholly and solely appropriated and applied by my said Exors to the payment and discharge of the several and respective Legacies or sums of Money hereafter in this my last Will and Testament given and bequeathed, and to no other use, Intent or Purpose whatsoever. Provided Always Nevertheless that in Case the Moneys so arising from or by the Sale of the said Real and Residue of my Estate, shall happen either exceed or fall short of being sufficient to pay the Undermentioned Legacies that then each and every of the said Legacies shall be Subject unto and suffer such Augmentation or Diminution, and be paid (more or less) rateably and in proportion to the difference between the amount of the Produce of the said Real and Residue of my Estate and the amount of the said Undermentioned Legacies.

Item I Give and bequeath unto Each of my four Brothers Francis Alexander, David and Thomas West, that shall Survive me, the Sum of One hundred pounds Current Money aforesaid; as also unto my Sister Martha Bee, the like sum of One hundred Pounds, if she shall Survive Me.

Item I Give and Bequeath to my said Sister Bee's Son William Bowser, if he Survives me, the Sum of Thousand Pounds Current Money aforesaid; and to her two Daughters Mary Bryan, the Sum of Five hundred Pounds like Money, if she Survive Me, and Talitha Peter the same Sum of Five hundred Pounds Current Money, she Surviving Me.

Item I Give and bequeath the Sum of Four thousand and three hundred Pounds Current Money aforesaid, unto the Exors of the last Will and Testament of my Kinsman Paul Hamilton dec^d; to be paid unto them, in a Year after my Decease, by my Executors hereinafter named Upon the Special Trust and Confidence Nevertheless, and Purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared of, for and Concerning the same, and to and for no other use intent or Purpose whatsoever that is to say, three hundred pounds thereof for the use and behoof of Paul Hamilton, the Son of the said Paul Hamilton deceased, Two thousand Pounds thereof for the use and behoof of Martha Hamilton Sister of the said Paul Hamilton Jun. and one thousand Pounds apiece to John & Archibald; the two younger Sons of the said Paul Hamilton dec^d; and I Will and Ordain that the said Sum and Sums of Money be Placed out at Interest, on Good Security, by the said Executors of the said Paul Hamilton dec^d; Annually, for the several uses aforesaid, and paid with the Respective Interest Money accruing thereon to the respective Parties, when the said Paul John and Archibald shall come of Age (To wit, Twenty one Year) severally or have Painfull Issue, which shall first happen and the said Martha when she shall Arrive to the Age of Twenty One Years, or be Married, which shall first happen; and in case any of them shall happen to Die before the said Time or Times Then it is my Will that the part or parts of him, her or them, so dying, shall Go to and be Equally Shared and Divided between the Survivors and Survivor of them, as aforesaid.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Kinswoman Mary Bryan, but in Case she should not Survive me then unto the Executors hereinafter named of this my last Will and Testament, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, and the Exors and Admons of such Survivor, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Current Money apiece for each Child of my Kinswoman Mary Bryan had by her late husband John Williamson deceased, that shall be living at my decease, Upon the Special Trust and Confidence Nevertheless, and to and for the several and respective uses and Purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared of, for and Concerning the same and to and for no other use intent or purpose whatsoever, that is to say, the said Sum or Sums of One Thousand Pounds apiece for the several and respective uses and behoofs of the said Children of the said Mary Bryan, by the said John

Williamson dec^d that shall survive me, And I Will and Ordain that the said Sum of Money respectively shall be paid as soon as possible, to as many of the said Children as shall be married or of Age at my decease; and the rest put out to Interest, on Good Security, Annually for the use and behoof of the minor Children, and be paid unto them successively with the respective Interest accruing thereon, that is to say, to each Minor Son at his Age of Twenty one years or having lawful Issue w^{ch} shall first happen & to Each Minor Daughter at her Age of Twenty One years or day of Marriage, which shall first happen. And in Case any of the said Minor Children shall happen to Die before the respective time or times aforesaid, then it is my Will that the said Principal Sum of One Thousand Pounds of him, her Or them so dying, and all the Interest and Increase thereof, shall go to and be equally Shared and divided between the Survivors of all the said Children or the survivor as aforesaid.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my Exors herein after named and the Survivors and Survivor of them And the Executors and Admors. of such Survivor, the several & respective Sums of Money hereinafter particularly mentioned reposed Upon the Special Trust and Confidence Nevertheless and to and for the several and respective uses and Purposes hereinafter mentioned of, for and concerning the same and each of them, and to and for no other use or uses, Intents or Purposes whatsoever, that is to say, 1st for the Use and behoof of my Niece woman Sabitha Peter her Children namely such of them as shall survive me, the Sum of Five hundred Pounds Current Money apeece, and Five hundred pounds like money over and besides to Abraham Gading, one of the said Children if he Survives me to be paid as hereafter directed and appointed. 2^d for the Use and behoof of my Sister Melior Sadfrey deceased her Children, Namely such of them as shall survive Me, the Sum of Five hundred pounds Current Money apeece to be paid as hereinafter directed and appointed. 3rd for the use and behoof of such Children of my Kinsman John Best of this Province as shall survive me the Sum of One thousand Pounds like Current Money apeece to be paid as hereinafter directed and appointed; but if all the Children of my said Kinsman John Best that shall so survive Me should afterwards Die before the Age of Twenty One years and none of the Sons have lawfull Issue, nor any of the Daughters Live to be Married then the said Legacy of One Thousand pounds apeece to such of the Children of my said Kinsman John Best as shall survive Me, shall be and remain to the use and behoof of such Son or Sons of my Brother Tho: Best as shall be living at the time of such Failure and decease equally to be Shared, divided and paid among them or their Survivor, by my said Exors. 4th The Sum of One Thousand Pounds Curr^t Money aforesaid to be put out to Interest yearly, on good and sufficient Security, during the life Time of my said Kinsman John Best and the Clear Profits and Interest thereof to be Collected and received by my said Exors yearly (or half yearly if Possible) and paid unto my said Kinsman John Best, for his own proper use and behoof, from time to time, during his Natural Life and after his Decease the Principal Sum of One Thousand pounds afores^d to be to the use and behoof of such Children or Child of my said Kinsman John Best, as shall survive him, equally to be divided, Shared and paid amongst them, as hereafter directed and appointed, but if all the Children of my said Kinsman John Best that shall survive him should afterwards Die before the Age of Twenty one years and none of the Sons have lawfull Issue, nor any of the Daughters Live to be married, then and in such Case the 5th Legacy of One thousand pounds Current Money shall be and remain to the use and behoof of such Child or Children of my Kinswoman Mary Bryan, by John Williams deceased, as shall survive them, equally to be divided Shared and paid amongst them as hereafter directed & appointed. And My Mind and Will is that the said several and respective Sums of Money herein above given and bequeathed to wit, Five hundred Pounds apeece to my Niece woman Sabitha Peter's Children and Five hundred Pounds more to Abraham Gading one of the said Children, Five hundred Pounds apeece to the Children

my deceased Sister Melior Scoffrey, One Thousand Pounds apiece to the Children of my Kinsman John Best or in case of failure of them, to the Son or Sons of my Brother Thomas Best, and the sum of One Thousand Pounds to the Children of my said Kinsman John Best after his Decease, or in case of failure of them, to the Child or Child of the said Mary Bryan, by the said John Williamson deceased, shall be put out to Interest on good Security Annually from time to time, until such time and times as the said Children aforesaid shall be entitled to receive their respective parts or Shares of the same and at such Time & Times to be paid unto them And every of them, with the respective Interest Money accrued thereon, that is to say, to my Kinswoman Juditha Peter her Children severally as they shall come of Lawfull Age, or the Sons have Lawfull Issue or the Daughters be Married, which first happens and in case of the failure of any of them, that the part or Share of the Child or Children so dying shall go to & be equally shared and divided among the Survivors & Survivor of them, as aforesaid, to the Children of my deceased Sister Melior Scoffrey severally as they shall come to Lawfull Age, or the Sons shall have Issue lawfully begotten, or the Daughters shall be Married, which shall first happen, and in case of the failure of any of them, then the part or Share of the Child or Children so dying, shall go to and be equally shared and divided among the Survivors and Survivor of them, as aforesaid, to the Children of my Kinsman John Best severally, as they shall come to Lawfull Age, or the Sons have Lawfull Issue, or the Daughters be Married, which shall first happen, and in case of the failure of any of them, then I will that the part or Share of the Child or Children so dying, shall go to & be equally shared, divided & paid by my said Exors, among the Survivors & Survivor of them as aforesaid & above limited, to the Children of my Kinswoman Mary Bryan, by John Williamson deceased in case of the failure of all the Children of my Kinsman John Best as above mentioned and limited, severally in the same manner at the respective time and times and under the same Conditions and Restrictions and with the like Contingent Advantages and benefits as hereinbefore directed and proved of, for and Concerning the sum and Sums of One Thousand Pounds apiece given and bequeath to their several and respective Uses and behoofs.

Item

I give and bequeath unto Hugh Best and Amias Best, the Two Sons of my late Brother Amias Best deceased the sum of One Thousand Pounds Current Money aforesaid to each of them respectively or to the Survivor of them, Also to their Sister Mary (if she Survives me) the sum of One hundred Pounds like Current Money the said Legacies to be paid by my Executors in a Twelve Month after my Decease;

Item

I give and bequeath unto my Brother Francis Best; but in case he should not Survive me, unto the Exors of this my Last Will and Testament and the Survivors and Survivor of them, the Exors and Admors of such Survivor, the sum of Two thousand Pounds Current Money of this Province, Upon the Special Trust and Confidence Nevertheless & to and for the Several & respective uses and Purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared of, for and concerning the same, and to and for no other use Intent or purpose whatsoever, that is to say that he or they do and shall yearly & every year put out the said sum of Two Thousand Pounds (or what shall remain thereof from time to time) to Interest on good Security for the use and behoof of such Child or Child of my said Brother Francis Best, as shall happen to Survive Me, and the Principal and Interest Accruing thereon, equally share pay and divide to and among them severally and respectively as the sons come to lawfull age or have Issue Lawfully begotten, and to the Daughters as they come to Age or are Married, which shall first happen, and in case of the failure of any of them then the part or share of him, her or them dying before the said age without Issue or before Marriage, respectively, shall go to and be Equally shared among the Survivors and Survivor of them, as above limited and expressed.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my Brother David Best, but in case he should not Survive me,

unto my Exors hereinafter named and the Survivors & Survivor of them, the Exors & Adms of such Survivor, Upon the Special Trust and Confidence Nevertheless and to and for the several respective Uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared of, for and concerning the same; and to and for no other use, intent or Purpose whatsoever, the sum of one thousand pounds Current Money aforesaid, a Peice for each and Every Child of him, my said Brother David ~~that~~ that shall Survive Me that is to say, of My Will that the said sum and sums of One Thousand Pounds a peice for the Use and Behoof of such Children of him, my said Brother David, shall be paid respectively unto such of his Daughters as shall be Married at my Decese, as soon as possible it can be raised, and the Rest put out to Interest on good Security yearly and from time to time collected and paid, with the Interest accrued thereon, to each other Child as follows, Namely to Each Son at the respective Age of Twenty one years, or having Lawful Issue and to Each Daughter when she shall come of Age, or be Married which shall first happen and in case any of the said Children shall happen to dye within Age, and before the respective Time and Times aforesaid and limited, then it is my Will that his her or their Principal Sum of One Thousand Pounds and the Interest accrued thereon, shall go to, and be equally divided, shared and paid to and among the Survivors & Survivor of them my Brother David & Exrs as aforesaid.

Item

I give and bequeath unto my Brother Thomas ~~that~~ but in case he should not Survive me then unto my Exors hereinafter named and the Survivors & Survivor of them, the Exors & Adms of such Survivor the sum of One Thousand Pounds Current Money aforesaid a peice for each and Every Child and Children of my said Brother Thomas which shall Survive me. Upon the Special Trust and Confidence Nevertheless and to and for the several respective uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared of, for and concerning the same and to and for no other use, intent or Purpose whatsoever, that is to say the said sum or sums of one Thousand a peice, for the several and respective Uses and Behoof of the said Children of my said Brother Thomas ~~that~~ that shall Survive me, and my Will and Mind is that the said several Sum or Sums of one Thousand Pounds shall yearly every year be put out to Interest, on good Security and paid unto each of the Children respectively with the Interest accruing thereon, as they shall come to the Age of Twenty One year or when the Sons shall have Lawful Issue, or the Daughters be married severally which shall first happen, and in case any of the said Children shall dye under Age and the Sons without Issue, and the Daughters unmarried, Then My Will that his her or their part or Sum of One Thousand Pounds, and Interest grown due thereon shall go to, and be Equally divided shared and paid unto and amongst the Surviving Children of my said Brother Thomas as aforesaid.

Item

I Give and bequeath unto my Kinswoman, Elizth Etheridge, of Great Britain, and Sister of my late deceased Dear Kinswoman Ann Etheridge alias Nobleau, if she is to be found and made a legal Demand thereof, within four years next after my Decese, the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds Current Money aforesaid; or in case of her Death and Lawful Issue of her Body living then I Give & bequeath the said Legacy of Three Thousand Pounds Current money unto, and amongst such Child or Children of her Body and to the Survivor or Survivors of them, for as much as in case they or any of them can be found within four years after my Decese.

Item

I Give and bequeath unto Natharine, Philip Elizabeth and Hannah the four Children of my deceased Sister Katharine Still in Great Britain, the Sum of Fifty Pounds Sterling Money a Peice to be remitted and paid them in Great Britain, and in case any of them shall be Dead, and Issue of their Body or Bodies lawfully begotten living then his her or their Legacy of Fifty Pounds Sterling as aforesaid shall go to and be paid and divided equally among the respective deceased person's Children or Child, and for want of such Children or Child for among the Survivors & Survivor of them, the said four Children of my sister Katharine, namely Natharine Philip Elizabeth & Hannah.

Item I Nominate, Constitute and Ordain my two brothers David and Thomas Kept, and my four Ninsomen, John Lee Jun^r, Jonathan Bryan, Philip Prioleau and John McCall all of this Province to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament. And

Lastly I Give and Bequeath unto each of my said Executors the sum of One Hundred Pounds Current Money of this Province. In Witness whereof I the said Edward Kept to this my last Will and Testament, written on nine Sides of Five Sheets of Paper, set my hand to the First Eight sides thereof and have and seal to this the Ninth and last Side, the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed, Published & Declared by the Testator Edw^d Kept as and for his last Will & Testament in the Presence of us who at his Request and in his Presence have hereunto subscribed our Names as Witnesses the words at Con Con in the last line of the second side, being first interlined.

Edward Kept (SEAL)

Tho^s Boulton
James Withers
Saml. Prioleau Jun^r
Tho^s Dramboll.

South Carolina

Whereas I have made and executed my last Will and Testament in the manner and to the Purpose above mentioned, I hereby confirm the same, only with the following alterations that is to say, a certain Tract of Land, situate on the Southernmost End of St. Helens Island, in this Province, with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, containing Six hundred and forty Acres which is not particularly mentioned in my above written last Will and Testament, I give and devise unto my above named Neice Sarah Rutledge for and during the Term of her Natural Life without Imprachment of or for any manner of waste, and after her decease, then I give and devise the said Tract of Six hundred and forty Acres of Land and Appurtenances unto the heirs of the Body of my said Neice Sarah Rutledge lawfully begotten. And Whereas by my said last Will and Testament I give and bequeath unto my Kinswoman Elizabeth Etheridge the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds Current Money of this Province, if she should so found, and should make a legal demand thereof, within Six years; Since which the said Elizabeth Etheridge arrived in this Province and now lives with me, I therefore hereby instead of the said Three Thousand Pounds, give and Bequeath unto her the said Elizabeth Etheridge Six Thousand Pounds Current Money aforesaid, Subject Nevertheless to such Augmentation or Diminution as is Provided for in my said last Will and Testament concerning the said Legacy of Three Thousand Pounds and other Legacies therein mentioned, in Proportion as the amount of the rest and Residue of my Estate appointed to be sold and disposed of, for payment of several Legacies shall exceed or come short of the respective Legacies the same is appropriated for.

Item I Give and bequeath absolutely unto the said Elizabeth Etheridge for Ever my five Slaves in Charles Town aforesaid, Namely, Bazar, Sindah, Billy, Dick and Dye, with the Issue and Increase of the said Female Slaves, as also all my Household Goods & Furniture with my Books.

Item I Leave unto her my said Kinswoman Elizabeth Etheridge the full, free and undisturbed Use & full Liberty of my Messuage or House and Ground, with the Appurtenances, where I now live on the Bay of Charles Town aforesaid, for such Time as she my said Kinswoman shall think fit to continue Personally to live therein, after my Decease; and that quit and clear of all manner of Rent, Charge or Demand whatsoever for or on Account of the same and afterwards I will that the said House, ground and Appurtenances shall go as by my said last Will and Testament it is given and devised. And Whereas by my said last Will and Testament I did Give and Bequeath unto the Executors thereof for the use and behoof of such Children of my Kinsman John Kept as shall survive me the sum of One Thousand pounds

current money apace, Now I hereby declare that the said Bequest of One Thousand Pounds apace, was only meant and Intended to and for and I hereby limit the same only to such Children of the said John Bext as were born at the day of the date of my said last Will and Testament being in full Int and not the Child born since. And Whereas I did also by my said last Will and Testament give and bequeath unto my said Exors the sum of One Thousand Pounds to be put out to Interest, during the Life time of my said Kinsman John Bext and the Interest to be paid unto him and after his Decease the Principal sum of One Thousand Pounds to be to the use behoof of such Children or Child of my said Kinsman John Bext, as shall survive him. Now I hereby declare, provide and appoint that in Case the youngest Child of the said John Bext born since the date of my said last Will and Testament shall happen to survive him the said John, then the said One Thousand Pounds shall go and be wholy solely to the use benefit and behoof of such youngest Child, exclusive of the other Children. And I Will and Ordain that this Instrument of writing shall be allowed and taken as a part of or Codicil to my said last Will and Testament and Observed & fulfilled accordingly; anything in my said last Will & Testament contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, and my hand to the foregoing Page of this Codicil the twenty second day of April Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and Forty.

Sealed, Published & declared by Edward Bext as a Codicil to his last Will & Testament in the Presence of us who at his Request in his Presence have Subscribed as Witnesses

Tho^s Bolton
Ja^s Withers
Sam^l Prioleau Jun^r
Tho^s Samboll

Edward Bext (SEAL)

Whereas I Edward Bext have in and by a certain writing bearing date the 21st of April 1740 made a Codicil to my last Will and Testament, now I do hereby ratify, confirm & establish the said Codicil, only I desire that the following alteration & Addition may be made to it, That is to say, I Give to my Kinswoman Elizabeth Etheridge the full, free and undisturbed Use and Liberty of my Messuage or House & Ground with the Appurtenances where I now live during the time of her Natural Life, whether She resides in this Province, or not and that Quiet and Clear of all Manner of Rent, Charge, or demand whatsoever for, or on Account of the same, & after her Decease I Will that the said House Ground & Appurtenances shall go as by my said last Will & Testament it is given & devised.

Item I give & bequeath to the said Elizabeth Etheridge my Books & all my Furniture, Linen, Plate & Household Goods; everything that is in or about the House, that shall be found laid in for the Provision of it & that was for my own Use for the Use of my Family.

Item I give and bequeath to Philip Prioleau the sum of Four hundred Pounds current Money of this Province.

Item I give and bequeath to Mary Withers Wife of James Withers the sum of Fifty Pounds current Money of this Province.

And this Alteration and Addition to the said Codicil I order to be annexed to my said last Will & Testament, and to be reputed as Part and Parcel whereof In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty Eight day of April Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred & Forty.

Edward Bext (SEAL)