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In the name of God amen I Rice Brice of Charles Town in the Province
of South Carolina Merchant being very sick and weak in body but of Sound
Disposing mind memory and understanding do make and Publish this my
last will and Testament in manner following That is to say, First I will that
all my Just Debts and a generall Expence be duly paid and satisfied, for my
Funerall I desire the Expence may be Moderate and frugale, Item I give &c.
Bequeath to my dear beloved wife Jane Brice two Slaves such as she shall
make choice of, for her own use for ever and for the more Easy & Comfortable
Support and maintenance of my said dear wife during her natural life
and that she may be Independent and free from the Care & trouble of
providing for herself and keeping a living in her advanced years. I will
that after my Just debts are paid that some sufficient be raised out of my
Estate that at Interest will annuallly produce the sum of Four hundred
Pounds current money of South Carolina which I will be paid unto my said
wife Either Quarterly half yearly or annuallly as she shall Choose for
and during the Term of her natural life, and for the Payment of my Just
Debts and for the raising the said annuity, I will and Order that all my
Personall Estate, Except the two Slaves my wife shall make choice of for her own
use be sold by my Exors hereafter named as soon as conveniently may be after
my Decease for the most that may be reasonably had or Obtained for the same
and I do hereby will authorize and appoint my said Exors to sell & dispose of
all my Mesuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in Charles Town &c
Elsewhere to any person or persons absolutely forever in such manner as to
them may seem convenient and most Beneficial for my Estate, and to
make sign seal and Execute any Deeds Instruments of writing or conveyances
for the sure granting and conveying thereof or any part or parcell, and the
monies arising by sale & Disposal of my real & personall Estate after my
Debts paid shall be put out at Interest upon good Security by my Exors
without their prejudice for the raising the annuity aforesaid and for the
Benefit of my only Son Samuel Brice and in case my said wife shall
at any time think proper to go to England, I will & Order that her passage
be paid out of my Estate and that the annuity herein before appointed
for her be remitted Annuallly to her in good Bills of Exchange but in
Case my said wife shall incline to stay in this Province I will