

WILL OF
JOHN SINGLETON

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

I John Singleton of Sumter District in the State aforesaid; being aware of the uncertainty of Life And at this time in perfect possession of my intellectual faculties do Make and publish the following as My last will and Testament. -

First, it is my will and I hereby will and direct that my debts be paid as soon as the same can be conveniently done, this Monies I may have on hand at my death all the Money due to me by bonds, Notes or otherwise all the Crop intended for sale and Remaining unsold all that proportion of the Crop planted or growing if Any at the time of my death, which can be spared from the support of the family and plantation; are hereby constituted and declared to be the fund for that purpose; but should such funds not be sufficient then in that case the balance shall be paid out of the proceeds of the Trust estate herein After Mentioned in this will

Item; I give and bequeath devise to my beloved wife Rebecca fourteen hundred and Seventy Nine Acres of land being the land and ~~plantation~~ ^{whereon} I now generally resides, called the Midway plantation laying all upon the East side of the Great Charleston Road and except two hundred ^{and} eighty eight acres of woodland laying on the west of said road and Adjoining the lands possessed by W Theus, the said Midway plantation being divided from the lands of My son Richard by a line Running from a Stone corner Marked as such, the whole containing seventeen hundred ^{and} sixty Seven Acres by Resurvey Made by John McDonell to the said Rebecca for and during her Natural life; and I also give and devise my House and summer Residence in the Sand hills with five hundred Acres adjoining thereto to the

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Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebecca the use of all the slaves that May be on the said Midway plantation at my death, that is such as are Attached to and working on said plantation, all said Slaves for and during her natural life, and also all the Use for and during her Natural life of all the Horses, ^{Cattle} ~~Acattle~~ and stock of every kind with all the plantation Utensils of every kind as they may be thereon at the time of my death, except as herein after excepted.

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Item. I give and bequeath to my Wife Rebecca for and during her Natural life the Use of all My House Servants, or Slaves, also all the slaves employed about the kitchen, Gardens stables and poultry Yard, and also the Carriage I first bought in Philadelphia.

Item; I give and bequeath to My Wife Rebecca one hundred shares of the Bank stock of the Bank of the United States, subscribed by me, And also all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind whatsoever and all the plate of which I may die possessed, and all my wines, spirits and other stores that may be at my said dwelling house at the time of my death.

Item; I will and direct That my Executor or Executors herein After Named shall Make proper and Ample provision for the support of the family, the slaves Horses and all other stock on the said Midway plantation for the remainder of the year in which I may die, and also for the year following.

Item; I give and devise to My Son Richard Singleton to him and his Heirs forever, all that tract and plantation whereon he resides laying South of the above Midway plantation, and divided from the said Midway plantation by a line running from the Stone Corner on the great road East to Jones's line, now William H Moore's, then bounded on the East by the lands granted to Thomas Jones, South by the lands belonging to Mathew S. Moore, West by the lands owned by John W. Rees and North by a line through the Middle of the woodland above described laying on the West side of the great road thence down the great road to the Stone Corner and containing one thousand Acres More or less.

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Item; I also Give and devise to my said Son Richard Singleton to him and his Heirs forever all the plantation I purchased of William Doughty, known by the name of Trueblue Near Orangeburg containing two thousand five hundred Acres, of which the said Richard is now in possession. -

Item; I give and confirm to my said son Richard all the all the Negroe slaves I have heretofore put him in possession of. -

Item; I give and bequeath to my said son Richard my Molatto Man Robert a taylor by trade, also my my Grey English Mare Physche and her bay filley by Sir Archey and my Gold Mounted double barrellled Gun Made by Martinore. -

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Item; I give and devise after the decease of my beloved wife to my son Richard Singleton and his Heirs all the land plantation called the Midway plantation described above as devised to my wife for life, in Trust however for the intents and purposes herein and hereafter mentioned, that is to say, that the said Richard and his Heirs will permit my daughter Mary Martha McRa to Occupy, possess, and enjoy the same during her Natural life, with all the issues and profits thereof for her sole separate use and benefit, not subject in any Manner to the interference or control of her Husband Powel McRa or the debts and Contracts of the said Powel McRa.

Item It is also my will and I do hereby desire and direct that the said real estate so devised in trust to my son Richard and his Heirs is hereby declared also to be in Trust that the said Richard and his Heirs shall after the decease of the said Mary Martha McRa permit my Grandson Powel McRa to enter upon occupy and possess the said Midway Plantation &c devised and described as aforesaid and receive and enjoy the issues and profits thereof during his Natural life and after the decease of the said Powel McRa that the oldest Male issue of the said Powel shall be permitted to enter upon possess and occupy the same and the issues and profits thereof him and his Heirs forever; but should there be no such issue Male of the said Powel living at the time of his death, then that the eldest Male issue of my Grand daughter Arabella McRa shall be permitted to enter upon occupy and possess the same and the issue and profits thereof him and his Heirs forever; And in Case there should be such issue Male of the said Arabella, that the eldest issue Male then living of My late Daughter Harriot Richardson Spann shall be permitted to enter upon occupy and possess the said premises him and his Heirs forever.

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...Servant, her daughter Jude and Betsy daughter of Jude; Maria
...garet, Edmund house servant, William a Taylor and Sally and
...Esther, And her Children William a Taylor and Sally and
...Trust however for the use and benefit of my daughter Mc
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Natural life; and in the farther Trust and confidence that After the decease of the said Mary Martha the said Richard his Executors or Administrators shall Assign and convey agreeably to law the said slaves to my Grandson Powel McRa and ^{my grand daughter} Arabella McRa to be divided between them share and share alike to them and their Assigns forever.

Item; I give and bequeath all the Negroe Slaves conveyed to me by my daughter Mary Martha McRa by deed bearing date the fifth day of April eighteen hundred and feventeen together with such increase of issue as they may have to My Grandson Powel McRa and my Grand daughter Arabella McRa to be divided between them share and share alike if both living or to the Survivor of them should one of them have died: And in case they should both die without issue living at the death then I give the said Slaves to my Grandsons John Peter Brown Charles Dundus Brown and Robert Henry Brown. -

Item: I give and bequeath to my Grandson Powel McRa and my Grand daughter Arabella McRa the following Horses to wit my Gray Mare from Phyché by Bluebeard her grey Filly by young Bedford, her bay Filly by Rofescruteon, and my Grey colt from Phyché by Young Buzzard to them share and share alike. -

Item: I give my grandson Powel McRa my large double barrellled Gun silver mounted with all that belongs to it. -

Item: I give and devise to my Grandson John Peter Brown all that tract of land laying in the fork of the Congaree and the Wateree known by the name of the Gear pond tract and Originally granted to Paul Smiles containing eight hundred and forty Acres to him and his Heirs forever; but should the said John Peter Brown die without issue Male living at the time of his death then in that Case I give and devise the said tract of land to his Brother Charles Dundus

and bequeath all the Negroe Slaves conveyed to my daughter Mary Martha McRa by deed bearing date the first of April eighteen hundred and seventeen together with such issue as they may have to my Grandson Powel McRa and my daughter Arabella McRa to be divided between them share and share alike if both living or to the Survivor of them should one of them die: And in case they should both die without issue living at death then I give the said Slaves to my Grandsons John Peter and Charles Dundus Brown and Robert Henry Brown. -

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Item: I give my grandson Powel McRa my large double barrellled Gun silver mounted with all that belongs to it. -

Item: I give and devise to my Grandson John Peter Brown all that tract of land laying on the fork of the Congaree and the Wateree known by the name of the Gear pond tract and Originally granted to Paul Smiles containing eight hundred and forty Acres to him and his Heirs forever; but should the said John Peter Brown die without issue Male living at the time of his death then in that case I give and devise the said tract of land to his Brother Charles Dundus Deas Brown to him and his Heirs and Afsigns forever and should the said Charles Dundus Deas Brown die without issue Male living at the time of his death then I give and devise the said tract of land to Henry Robert Brown to him and his Heirs forever. -

Item: I give and devise to my Grandson Charles Dundus Deas Brown all that tract of land in Sumter District on the Santee River, known by the Name of the Cuddoes ponds and conveyed to me by Hart- all Macon and John R Spann containing by estimation about fifteen

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Acres to him and his Heirs forever; but should the said Charles Dundus Deas Brown die without issue ^{male} living at the time of his death, then in that Case I give and devise the said land and premises to John Peter Brown to him and his Heirs forever, and should the said John Peter Brown die without issue male living at the time of his death then I give and desire the said land and premises to Henry Robert Brown to him and his Heirs forever. -

Item: I give and devise to Henry Robert Brown and his Heirs all that tract of land laying between the Wateree River and the great Road leading from Manchester down by my Summer Residence, bounded on the North by lands belonging to the Estate of Isham Moore on the South by lands of the Estate of William Richardson deceased, Sir John Cotteton John Dawson, Jacob Belsar, James Singleton and Jacob Belsar, by the River Wateree on the West and the above road on the East, being the land on which my father first settled in the Year seventeen fifty two, containing by estimation three thousand Acres But should the said Henry Robert Brown die without issue Male living at the time of his death, then in that Case, I give and devise the said land and premises to the oldest Male issue of John Peter Brown his brother to him and his Heirs; And should the said Peter- John Peter Brown die without leaving issue male living at the time of his death then in that case I give and devise the said land and premises to the eldest Male issue of Charles Dundus Deas Brown his Brother to him and his Heirs: it being understood as an express condition that that such persons or person when under the above limitations shall take and use the Surname of Singleton; And it is also my Will and I do devise that should the said Charles Dundus Deas also die without leaving issue Male living at the time of his death then I give and devise the land and premises aforesaid to the

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Item : I give and bequeath to my grand son John Peter Brown all the Horses Cattle and other stock all the waggons and plantation tools and utensels of every kind that May be upon the said plantation in the fork of the Wateree and Congaree Rivers(which I have above given to him) at the time of my death. -

Item: I give and bequeath to Charles Dundus Deas Brown all the

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waggons and plantation tools and Utensels of every kind, all the Horses cattle and other stock that may be upon the above described plantation of the Cuddoes ponds(which I have given him) at the time of my death. -

Item: I give and bequeath to Henry Robert Brown all the Horses cattle and other Stock all the waggons and plantation tools and Utensels of every kind, that may be upon the above described plantation laying between the Wateree and Great Road (which I have abo devised to him) at the time of my Death. -

Item: I give and bequeath to John Peter Brown the Grey filly from Phyché by Bedford, a Sorrel filly the first from the sorrel Bedford Mare; also My old double barrellled Gun silver Mounted, and my short double barrellled Gun steel Mounted; and also my Gold watch, -

Item: I give and bequeath Charles Dundas Deas Brown, a sorrel filly by Buzzard from the Bedford Mare, a bay filly by Rosecrucian from the same Mare; also a double barrellled Gun Silver Mounted purchased for me by Ralf Isaac. -

Item: I give to Henry Robert Brown all the Books in my Library and also My Sorrel Mare by old Bedford and her sorrel filly by Rosecrucian. -

Item: I give and devise to my Son Richard Singleton and to my Grand sons John Peter Brown, Charles Dundas Deas Brown and Henry Robert Brown all that tract of land laying South of the town of Manchester and on the East side of the Great Road leading from Manchester by my Summer residence containing two thousand Acres More or less to them and their Heirs as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants relying firmly upon My said Children that they will make a proper provision of part of the said land for a residence in Summer for my daughter Mary and her Children and excepting the devise for life

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Item: I give and bequeath to my son Richard Singleton in Trust, for the separate use and behoof of his Sister Mary Martha after the decease of My wife Rebecca the close Pannelled carriage, her choice of two of the horses that may be used then as carriage horses and also a saddle horse; and I also give and bequeath to him in Trust as aforesaid one third of all the work horses and Mules cattle and all other stock on the said Midway plantation at the death of my

wife and also one fourth part of the waggons, ploughs and other plantation tools that may be thereon as aforesaid; the said property not to be subject in any manner to the control or the debts and contracts of her husband Powel McRa.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Richard Singleton and my Grandsons John Peter Brown, Charles Dundas Deas Brown and Charles Henry Robert Brown the sum of thirty thousand dollars upon the trusts and to and for the intents and purposes herein after Mentioned expressed and dictated of and concerning the same.

Item: I give and bequeath to my said son Richard Singleton and my said Grandsons John Peter Brown Charles Dundas Deas Brown and Henry Robert Brown their Executors and Administrators, all the rest and residue of ^{the} / negroe slaves of every Description of which I may die possessed, and not herein before bequeathed or then otherwise disposed of, together with all the rest and residue of my personal estate not otherwise bequeathed or disposed of; upon the trusts and to and for the intents and purposes, herein after Mentioned expressed and declared of and concerning the same. -

Item: It is my will and I do hereby direct that the said Richard Singleton, John Peter Brown, Charles Dundas Deas Brown and Henry Robert Brown trustees appointed as aforesaid shall Act in Succession in that Order in which they are Named that is my Son Richard Singleton during his Natural life and upon his death then the said John Peter Brown during his Natural life, and then the said Charles Dundas Deas Brown during his Natural life and then the said Henry Robert Brown. -

Item. It is my will and I do hereby devise and direct and declare that the said Richard Singleton as Acting Trustee as aforesaid, shall as soon as possible after My death invest the said thirty thousand dollars so bequeathed in trust in the purchase of Lands

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Item. It is my will and I do hereby devise and direct and declare that the said Richard Singleton as Acting Trustee as aforesaid, shall as soon as possible after My death invest the said thirty thousand dollars so bequeathed in trust in the purchase of Lands for the purpose of carrying This Trust into effect as herein after expressed and declared, and the said Acting Trustee and their Heirs shall stand seized of such Lands and real estate or estates so directed to be purchased upon the trusts and to the intents and purposes herein After Mentioned in this will as if they had been ^{and their Heirs} immediately and expressly devised to them, in this will for the said purpose and Trusts:

Item. It is my will and I so devise and direct that the whole of

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the estate real and personal so devised and bequeathed as above to Richard Singleton John Peter Brown Charles Dundas Deas Brown and Robert Henry Robert Brown in trust is hereby declared to be upon Trust that they the said Richard Singleton John Peter Brown, Charles Dundas Deas Brown and Henry Robert Brown and the Survivor and Survivors of them do and shall from Year to Year and from time to time during the natural lives of My said son Richard Singleton, Mary Martha McRa John Peter Brown Charles Dundas Deas Brown Henry Robert Brown, John Singleton son of said Richard Mary Singleton daughter of said Richard Marion Singleton daughter of said Richard Angelica Singleton daughter of said Richard; Powel McRa son of Mary Martha McRa and Arabella daughter of said Mary Martha and during the Natural lives and life of the survivors and survivor of them the said several persons as aforesaid shall in the Order herein before directed superintend and direct the conduct and Management of the whole of the said Trust estate and estates real and personal and shall sell and dispose of the Crops and surplus stock and receive the issues and profits of the said estate and estates whether real or personal, devised accumulated or purchased and divide and dispose of the same as herein afterwards by this will directed Item. It is my will and I do hereby direct that the slaves so bequeathed in Trust and their issues shall be worked upon the Lands so purchased under the Trust as above in such Manner and in such Crop as my Acting Trustee Appointed as aforesaid shall deem Most advantageous, and I will and direct that untill the Lands directed to be purchased for the Trust estate as above shall be purchased, the Negroe Slaves belonging to the Trust estate shall continue to be worked for the benefit of the Trust Estate on the plantation whereon I may leave them at the time of my death; it being clearly understood as part of my will that the slaves and other property given

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equal lots or shares, the said Richard Singleton shall during his Natural life retain one third of the said Net proceeds for his own use and benefit, and also retain in his hands one other third for the sole and esperate use of his Sister Mary Martha McRa during ^{as her Trustee} her Natural life and the other one third he shall pay over to his Nephews John Peter Brown, Charles Dundas Deas Brown and Henry Robert Brown to be divided amond them share and share alike during their lives, And in Case of the death of the said Richard, then the said John Peter Brown or other Acting Trustee shall pay to the Children or lenial descendants of the said Richard one third of the Nett proceeds of said Trust estate to be divided Among the Children or lenial descendants of said Richard, share and share alike: And after the Death of the said Richard the said John Peter Brown shall retain one third of the Nett Annual proceeds of the said Trust estate to be divided between the said Trustee and his Brothers or their lenial descendants share and share alike, the Children representing the parent after the decease of such parent, when such decease shall happen, and remaining one third to be paid over to the said Mary Martha McRa, or her Trustee, if she is living, And in ~~case~~ of her decease then to her Children or lenial descendants share and share alike and in the case of the death of any of the said Children leaving children then in that case such ifssue or Children shall represent their parent deceased: And after the death of the said Richard Singleton, should Any of the Children of the said Richard die leaving children such Children shall in like Manner represent their parent so deceased.

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expreflsly devised to them and their Heirs with the other real estate devised in Trust. Item, It is my will and I do hereby direct that After the decease of the Survivors of the said several persons during whose lives the ifsues and profits of the real estate and slaves and other property divided in Trust or purchased, agreeably to the directions of this will are directed to ^{be} received Managing and divided by the said Trustee or Trustees, then when such decease shall happen of the last Survivor of said of said persons, the whole Trust estate or estates whether Originally devised or purchased and accumulated shall be divided into three lots or parts of equal valve or as near thereto as possible, and the lands and slaves and other property contained in one of such Allotments shall be conveyed and Afsured in Law to the eldest Male lineal descendant then living of of my said son Richard Singleton to him his heirs Executors and Administrators forever, and it is hereby declared and directed that such eldest Male lineal descendant shall be entitled to the first choice of such allotments: And in case there shall be no such Male ~~ifx~~ lineal descendant then living of my said son Richard then the real estate slaves and other property contained in the said allotment above Mentioned shall be conveyed and Afsured in Law to the eldest Male lineal Descendants then living of my late daughter Harrcot Richardson Spann to him his Heirs Executors and Administrators forever: And in case there shall be no such Male lineal descendants then living of my said daughter Harrcot Richardson Spann, then it is my will and I do hereby direct that the said real estate slaves and other property contained in said allotment shall be conveyed to the eldest Male lenial descendant of my daughter Mary Martha McRa to him his Heirs Executors and Administrators forever. -

Item, It is my will and I do hereby direct and devise that the

the whole Trust estate or estates whether Originally devised or devised by said Trustee or Trustees, then the said Trust estate or estates shall be divided into three lots purchased and accumulated shall be divided as possible, and the lands of equal value or as near thereto as possible, and the lands slaves and other property contained in one of such Allotments be conveyed and Assured in Law to the eldest Male lineal descendant then living of my said son Richard Singleton to him his Executors and Administrators forever; And it is hereby declared and directed that such eldest Male lineal descendant shall be entitled to the first choice of such allotments; And in case there shall be no such Male lineal descendant then living of my said son Richard then the real estate slaves and other property contained in the said allotment above Mentioned shall be conveyed and Assured in Law to the eldest Male lineal Descendants then living of my late daughter Harrcot Richardson Spann to him his Heirs Executors and Administrators forever; And in case there shall be no such Male lineal descendants then living of my said daughter Harrcot Richardson Spann, then it is my will and I do hereby direct that the said real estate slaves and other property contained in said allotment shall be conveyed to the eldest Male lineal descendant of my daughter Mary Martha McRa to him his Heirs Executors and Administrators forever. -

Item, it is my will and I do hereby direct and devise that the real estate slaves and other property contained in one of the two remaining allotments shall be conveyed and Assured in Law to the eldest Male lineal descendant of my late daughter Harrcot Richardson Spann, who shall have Choice of said Allotment, to him, his Heirs Executors and Administrators forever; And in case there shall be no such Male lineal descendants then living of my daughter Harrcot Richardson Spann, then the real estate slaves and other property

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contained in the allotment last above described shall be conveyed and Afsined in Law to the eldest Male lineal Descendant of then living of my son Richard Singleton to him his Heirs Executors and Administrators forever And in case there should be no such male lineal descendants then living of my son Richard Singleton then in that case it is my will and I do hereby direct that the real estate slaves and other property contained in the said allotment last above described shall be conveyed and afsined in Law to the eldest Male lineal descendant of my daughter Mary Martha McRa to him his Heirs Executors and Administrators forever. -

Item, It is my will and I do hereby direct and devise this the real estate slaves and other property contained in the remaining third allotment shall be conveyed and Afsined in Law to the eldest Male lineal descendant of my daughter Mary Martha McRa to him his Heirs Executors and Administrators forever; And in case there shall be no such lineal descendants then living of my said daughter Mary Martha McRa in that case the real estate slaves and other property contained in the said allotment shall be conveyed and Afsined in Law to the eldest Male lineal descendant then living of my said son Richard Singleton to him his executors and Administrators - *Continued*

ters forever; And in case there shall be no such Male lineal descendants then living of My said son Richard Singleton then in that case it is My will And I do hereby direct that the real estate slaves and other property contained in the said Allotment last above described shall be conveyed and Assigned in Law to the eldest Male lineal descendant of my late daughter Harriot Richardson Spann to him his Heirs Executors and Assigns forever. -

Item: It is my will and I do hereby direct and devise that should it so please God that at the time of the death of the Survivor of the said several persons during whose lives the issues and profits of the real estate, slaves and other property devised in Trust or purchased agreeably to the directions of this will are directed to be received Managed and directed by my said Acting Trustee and Trustees there should be a failure of male lineal descendants in the whole of the said three branches of my family(which I hope and pray to God may not be the case) that is to say of of my said son Richard Singleton of my late daughter Harriot Richardson Spann and my daughter Mary Martha McRa, then in that case I hereby devise and direct ~~and~~ that the whole of the said Lands slaves and other property hereby devised in Trust as aforesaid purchased or Accumulated under said Trust shall be divided into three parts of equal value or as nearly thereto as possible, and the said allotments shall be conveyed to the eldest female lineal descendants of my said son Richard Singleton, my late daughter Harriot Richardson Spann and Mary Martha McRa in the same Manner with the same preference and privilege of Choice as herein before directed with respect to the eldest Male lineal descendants of the said Richard Singleton, Harriot Richardson Spann and Mary Martha McRa to be conveyed and Assigned to them their Heirs Executors and Administrators respective-

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Item - It is my will and I do hereby further devise and direct that from the time or times any of the Male lineal descendants of my ~~and~~ said son Richard Singleton or my daughter Harriot Richardson Spann and Mary Martha McRa shall become entitled to any of before Men-

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tioned Allotments of the aforesaid estates and premises as well those devise as those purchased or Accumulated under the Trust He and they and all claiming under him or them respectively, when and being of the Age of twenty one Years or upwards shall from thence forth Hereafter at all times severally and respectively take and Use the Surname of Singleton only, and in default thereof I do hereby will and direct that such persons so refusing shall forfeit all claim whatsoever in in Law or equity to any part of the said Trust estate or estates real or personal and I do hereby order and direct and will, that all such estate devised purchased or accumulated under the Trust in this will and contained in such Allotment, shall then be conveyed and assigned in law to the Next eldest male lineal descendant of that Branch of my family if Any such be living, who shall take on the same condition, and if there shall be none such then such allotment shall go over and be conveyed by my Trustee or Trustees in the same Manner as herein before directed in this will in the case in which there should be no male lineal descendant living of that Branch of my family. -

Item: It is my will and I do devise and direct that the Persons Acting as Trustees under this will shall not be liable to any suit in law, or damage for any accidents whatsoever or errors of Judgment. - Item: Whereas the said Richard Singleton, John Peter Brown Charles Dundas Deas Brown and Henry Robert Brown may all die before the Trust above mentioned would expire of its own limitation then it is my will and I do hereby direct that proper Application be made to the Court of Equity to Appoint a trustee from among the blood or branches of my family.

Item: Whereas I have acted as the Guardian of my Grands sons John Peter Brown, Charles Dundas Deas Brown and Henry Robert Brown and

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Peter Brown, Charles Dundas Deas Brown and Henry Robert Brown and
managed the property of the estate of their Father and Mother in
the manner I thought Most conducive to their Interest: now is my
will and I do hereby declare devise and direct that should the
any of them bring suit in Law or equity against my Executors
representatives on account of any transaction or Management
Mine relating to the same each person of them shall forfeit
claim under this will to any Devise Legacy or interest con-
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Item: And whereas from the peculiar and unfortunate situation of my daughter Mary Martha McRa I am compelled to take charge of her property, It is my will therefore that should she or any persons claiming through or under her being any suit in Law or Equity against my Executors for any thing arising out of my Management of said property, then in that case she and all claiming under or through her shall forfeit all benefit and advantage, devise or Legacy contained in or derived from this will. -

Item: It is my will and I hereby Nominate and Appoint my Son Richard Singleton and Grandsons John Peter Brown, Charles Dundas Deas Brown, and Henry Robert Brown Executors of this my last will and Testament, revoking all other wills and publishing and declaring this as my last will and testament each sheet being signed by my own hand, In witness of all whereof I have this thirtieth day of July eighteen Hundred and Seventeen set my hand and Seal thereto

Witness present &c

Jn. Singleton (SEAL)

James B Richardson

John James

Richard I Manning

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