

PETER MELLETT

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA-

In the name of God Amen, I Peter Mellet of Claremont County in the State of South Carolina aforesaid planter, being in health of body and of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, praised be God for the same, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Mellet, one Negro woman slave named Cate, and a Negro fellow named Jacob, Also a negro boy named Tom and a negro girl named Sabinah, to be at her disposal for the maintenance of herself and heirs of her body by me during her natural life, and at her decease to revert to my state; Also the House and plantation whereon I now live with the furniture and plantation tools belonging thereto, horses, cattle, hogs sheep, and stock of every kind belonging to my estate at the time of my decease, I Will that they may be continued and made use of on the plantation the same as in my life time, by my beloved wife for the support of herself and heirs of her body by me during her life or widowhood, and at her decease or marriage to revert to my estate, I farther bequeath to my said Wife her choice of one bed and furniture, one horse saddle and bridle, to her and her heirs for ever. I Will and empower my wife as executrix, and one or more of my executors hereafter named, or in case of the death of one or more of them, the survivor or survivors to sell and dispose of the tract of land I now live on, containing by the original plat six hundred and forty acres, Also the adjoining tract containing one hundred and fifty acres which I purchased of Stephen Nixon, and

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The tract of land containing four hundred acres more or less,

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which I bargained to William Mayrant I Will and empower my executrix, and executors as above stipulated to make good and sufficient titles to, on the said William Mayrant complying in a reasonable time with our agreement, otherwise to revert to my Estate - I Will and ordain that all my negros (except those bequeathed to my two daughters in case the land should not be sold, and those bequeathed to my wife during her natural life which are not to be divided until her decease) may be equally divided between my four children by my present wife, their respective shares to be delivered to the males when they attain the age of twenty one years or day of marriage, and to the females when they attain the age of eighteen years or day of marriage, should any of my four children above mentioned depart this life before marriage, or attaining to the age of twenty one years, then the portion or part devised or bequeathed to such child or children, to be equally divided between the survivors- I Will and bequeath to each of my four children, above named one feather bed and furniture. As my son John Mellet, ^{and} my daughter Rebecka Barden have heretofore by certain deeds of gift received their respective portions of my estate, I Will and bequeath to them five shillings each and no more. I Will that my sister Martha be supported out of my Estate ~~as hereto~~ during her natural life, provided she continues on my plantation in the house she now occupies, or wheresoever my wife and executors may think proper - And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my loving wife Margaret Mellet executrix, and Henry Haynsworth and John Horan executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former Wills and Testaments at any time heretofore by me made, and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my

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Peter Mellet (Seal)

Signed, sealed, declared and published by the above named Peter Mellet, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who at his request, and in his presence have Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto.

Wm Murrell

Wm J Reese

Richard Haynsworth

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May 30 1800. (Recorded)

Wm Taylor Ord.

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