

PREROGATIVE COURT

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Lib. Pl. no. 6. Die Mercurii Octava Die Septembris:-

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In the Name of God amen
I Mary Dine of the County of Kent in the Province of Maryland being very sick and weak of Body but of sound and perfect Sense and Memory (Praised be God) Do make & Ordain this my Last Will and Testament Revoking all other Wills or Will by me made heretofore and Do Ordain this to be my Last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth

1st I Commit my Soul to God my Maker and to Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer through whose Merits I believe to receive pardon for all my Sins through his Infinite Goodness and Mercy

2^{ly} I Commit my Body to the Ground to receive Christianlike buriall according as my Exec^r hereafter named shall think fitt and for my worldly Estate that God hath been pleased to bestow upon me I do hereby dispose of as followeth.

3^{ly} I desire that all my Just Debts be duly & truly paid and Discharged as also that all Debts due to me may be received and recovered by my Executor

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1106. 5thly. I give and bequeath unto the wife of the said John
 Half breed my Young Gray Mare & her Increase for Ever-
 bly I give and bequeath unto Isaac Winchester two Cows name
 Lilly and Spight -
 7^{ly} I give and bequeath unto John Essex One thousand pounds
 of Tobacco to be paid next year -
 8^{ly} I give and bequeath unto Tobias Wells all the best of my Estate
 both Real and personal after my Debts are satisfied to be possessed
 and Enjoyed by him and his heirs immediately after my decease
 and forever -
 9^{ly} I make and Ordain the said Tobias Wells to be my Sole heir
 Executor and Adm^r of this my last Will and Testament to
 see it duly and truly performed, I give with full assurance of Joyfull
 Resurrection to Eternal Joy and comfort I have hereunto set
 my hand and seal this 28th Day of December anno 1674
 one Thousand Six hundred Seventy and Three
 Signed Sealed & Delivered Mary Anne Sealed
 In presence of us
 John Rodway
 Mathias Stevenson
 Willm Curre
 Sovis Blangij
 ON the back of the foregoing
 Last Will and Testament was
 thus Written Viz To the
 Hon^{ble} Philip Calvert Esq^r
 Chief Judge of Adm^{on} and all
 Testamentary business These may satisfy that accord-
 ing to a Commission to me directed I have caused William
 Curre and Sovis Blangij two of the witnesses to the said
 Will who upon their Corporall Oaths do declare this within
 will to be the last Will of Mrs Mary Anne and that at the
 same time of Signing Sealing and delivering she was in perfect
 sense and memory in witness whereof I have set my hand this
 third day of June anno 1674. Thomas Osborne Secretary of Adm^{on}
 signed and sealed the seal with Bond in double the value
 of the Estate given -

Die Lunae 14th Septembris.
 Returned by Samuel Chew of Annapurndell County Esq^r
 a Commission Directed to him to prove the Will of Thomas
 Meers late of the said County Deceased, which return followeth in
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these words This Commission was Executed the 9th Day of September -
 1674. Samuel Chew

As also a warrant to take the Oaths of Robert Burke and Richard Hill
 appraisors appointed of the Goods and Chattells of the said Deceased
 which is in these words Viz September 9th day 1674. ...
 Then Robert Burke and Richard Hill came before me and made
 Oaths to make a Just and true appraisement of the Estate of
 Thomas Meers so far forth as it should come to their Sight or
 knowledge. Samuel Chew

Ordered the said Will to be recorded and Inventory to be
 Recorded on the book of Inventories and Accounts -

May 16th Day 1674.

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Meers of Severn in
 the County of Annarundell in the Province of Maryland -
 being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory -
 praised be almighty God and knowing that all men are born
 to dye and the time thereof being very uncertain do hereby
 declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and
 form following hereby making all former Wills null void
 frustrate and of none Effect &c In the first place I give and
 bequeath my Soul unto almighty God my Creator and
 my Body to be decently buried by and at the Discretion of my
 Executor hereafter named and as for all such worldly Estate
 as God hath been pleased to bless me withall I do give and be-
 queath in manner and form following -
 In primis I give and bequeath unto my Cousin Christopher Howles
 all my wearing Cloathes and one Cow to be delivered him imme-
 diately after my Decease -

Item I give and bequeath unto Wenlock Cristifon of Miles River
 in the County of Talbot in the Province of four Cows and one
 Lamb to be delivered to him or his assigns immediately after my decease.
 Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Hawkins the Wife of
 Wm Hawkins of broad Neck One young Mare about two years
 old or some thing more.

Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Underwood my
 Ophiat Servant the first Mare Colt my Mare white foot both
 foals. Item I give and bequeath five pounds of good and
 Currant Money of England unto the publick Stock for the
 Relief of the poor ^{poor} commonly Called Quakers -

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 Item I give and bequeath unto John Gattier my old Gun or
 folding pece which he had desire to have of me to be delivered
 unto him immediately after my decease.
 Item I do hereby order that in the first place the two Orphants
 which are as yet unsatisfied by reason of their being under age
 may be satisfied six pounds in Currant English Money or Ballue
 thereof to each Orphant and also one thousand pounds of Tobacco
 a pece which is in my Son John Meers hands or Custody already.
 Item I give and bequeath unto Elisabeth Meers my true and
 faithful Wife the one hundred Acres of Land with all the houses
 and appurtenances whereupon I now dwell to her and her
 assigns during her naturall life.
 Item I do hereby further give and bequeath unto my aff. wife
 my Neger Boy commonly called John Sauge.
 Item I further give and bequeath unto my aff. wife my
 Mare commonly called Cutty.
 Item I do hereby further give and bequeath unto my aff. wife
 Elisabeth Meers the one third part of all my personal Estate.
 That is to say Goods Servants Chattell Chattells Tobacco
 Money Plate Rings Jewells Dues Debts and Demands as
 well due upon Specialty as without Specialty (that is to say)
 Bills Bonds Obligations accounts or any Just Demand
 whatsoever that may be by any wayes or means lawfully
 called mine and that she the said Elisabeth when the said
 Estate shall be so divided to have the priviledge to take
 her first Choice.
 Item I do further give and bequeath unto Sarah Houewood
 my Daughter Wife unto John Houewood the next third part
 of my said personal Estate to all Intents and purposes to take
 her Choice after my said Wife have made her Choice being
 Equally divided to her the said Sarah Houewood to be delivered
 unto her or her assigns immediately after my decease.
 Item I do further hereby give and bequeath unto John Meers
 my Son all my Lands in generall to him and his heirs for
 ever onely what Interest I have already before given and
 bequeathed unto Elisabeth my well beloved Wife during
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 her Natural life and also the thirds of all my Lands unto her the
 the said Elisabeth during her Natural life to be managed or
 otherwise disposed of according to her the said Elisabeth or her
 assigns order and also unto him the said John my Son the other
 third part of my said personal Estate to be delivered unto
 him or his assigns forthwith after my decease and do further
 hereby make and ordain my said Son John Meers my full
 and sole Executor to see this my said Last Will and Testament
 fully and Duly Executed and performed as punctually to all
 Intents and purposes as if the said Thomas Meers were
 living and personally present.
 Item further it is my desire that in case there should be any
 Difference that may or shall arise between my Wife aff.
 my Daughter or my Son aff. upon the Division of my said
 Estate and premises aff. that then I leave it to the Consider
 ation of the Body of Friends commonly called Quakers to be
 decided and ended between them.

Signed Sealed & Delivered Thomas Meers Seated
 in the presence of us
 The mark of
 James Smith
 The mark of
 Thomas & Cyres
 Edward Norris
 On the back of the above will was thus
 written
 By virtue of a Commission to me
 directed from the Hon^{ble} Philip
 Calvert Esq^r Judge for probate of Wills
 and Granting of Admons. Dated the
 25th day of August Past James Smith Thomas Cyres &
 Edward Norris the Writtnes to this Testament appeared
 before me and made oath that they saw Thomas Meers
 sign seal and publish this his Last Will and Testament w^{ch}
 and intent to make this his Last Will and Testament and that
 he was at the time of the sealing and publishing the said
 Testament of a sound disposing mind
 September 9th Day 1634. Samuel Chew Seates.

The Tenth 2^d Septembris
 Came William Burgesse of Ann Arundell County Const.
 and Exhibited the last Will and Testament of George Spid
 ington Late of the same County deceased requesting to
 have the same by the Writtnes to the same Subscribed
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proved, Whereupon the Judge here required the said William Burges One of the Witnesses to the Testament and John Croome One other of the Witnesses to the said Will to give their testimony who thereupon being sworn, Upon the Evangelists say that they were present and did see the said Biddington sign seal and publish the said Testament and that at the time of the publishing the said Testament he the said Biddington was of a sound disposing mind wherefore the said Judge ordered the said Testament to be Recorded, which Testament followeth in these words (VIZ.) -

In the name of God Amen

The fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord God One Thousand six hundred Seventy and four, I George Biddington of South River in Annarundell County in the Province of Maryland being some what weak in Body but of good and perfect memory Thanks be given to God and calling to mind the frail and uncertain Estate of this Transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto Death when it shall please God to call, Do make constitute & ordain and Declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following the making and admitting by those presents all and Every Testament & Testament Will and Wills heretofore by me made and declared either by word or writing and this to be taken only for my last Will and Testament and none other and first being penitent and sorry from the bottom of my heart for my sins past most humbly desiring forgiveness for the same, I Commit my Soul to God who gave it and by the Only Merits of the Lord Jesus my Saviour and Redeemer I trust to be saved and to have full Remission and forgiveness of all my sins and my body to the Earth to be buried in such decent Manner and place where it shall please my Executor hereafter named to appoint and dispose for the settling of my Temporal Estate and such Goods Chattels and Debts as it hath pleased God far above my Deserts to bestow upon me. I do Order give and dispose

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Lib. P. C. No 6. the same in manner and form following: That is to say In primis I will that those Debts and Duties as I owe in Right or Conscience to any manner of person or persons what & ever shall be well & truly Contented and paid within convenient time after my Decease by my Executor hereafter named. Item my Will is that if two of my near Relations my Brother or Sisters Children their Name not known by me do Come into this Country within two Years time from the Date hereof that their and Each of their passages be paid and fully satisfied out of my Estate which I freely give them. Also I give unto Each of them if they Come into this Country Tenn Thousand Pounds of Tobacco to be likewise paid out of my Estate within Twelve months next after my Decease. Item I do by these presents freely and clearly acquit Exonerate and Discharge my Loving Son in Law Robert Franchlin his heirs Executors and adm^r from all Debts and Demands due at any time or times unto me from the beginning of the world unto the day of the Date hereof. Item I give and bequeath unto George Burges Wm Burges and Susanna Burges Sons & Daughters to Cap^t Wm Burges fifty Shillings Sterling a piece to buy Each of them a piece of plate to be delivered unto them and Each of them in twelve months time after my Decease. Item I give & bequeath unto my kinsman James Chidatt an able servant or the value thereof in Tobacco to be paid within twelve months next after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto my Kinsman Augustin Skinner one Cow to be delivered unto him within twelve months next after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto Each of my son Richard Beards Children which are now Siving Twenty Shillings Sterling a piece to be delivered unto Each of them within twelve months next after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto Each of my Grand Son Neale Berks Children which are now Siving Twenty Shilling Sterling a piece to be delivered unto Each of them within twelve months next after my Decease. Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving wife Jane Biddington Forty Pounds Sterling per annum for her Maintenance during her Natural life to be paid at such time and place yearly

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Lib^r. Pl. no^e. 284. proved. Whereupon the Judge here required the said William Burgeps One of the Wittneses to the Testament and John Broome One other of the Wittneses to the said Will to give their testimony who thereupon being sworn, upon the Evange lists say that they were present and did see the said Buddington sign seal and publish the said Testament and that at the time of the publishing the said Testament he the said Buddington was of a sound disposing mind wherefore the said Judge ordered the said Testament to be Recorded, which Testament followeth in these words (VIZ^t) -

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 in London as she shall think most meet or the Eight Thousand
 Pounds of Tobacco & annuities to be paid in this Countrey ac-
 cording to her Orders provided she renounced and disclaim all
 the Right Title and Interest she hath by the said either in my
 personall or Real Estate and deliver the same up to my Exor.
 when required; my will also is that if any of the above men-
 tioned Legacies depart this life before the time of their death
 and Respective payments that then the said Legacies of the
 Parties so Deceasing Return unto my heir or Executor -
 hereafter named Wth. I give and bequeath unto Edward
 Burgesse Son to Capt. Wm Burgesse his heir and assigns
 for Ever all the remaining part of my Estate both Real and
 Personall and do nominate constitute and appoint -
 him the said Edward Burgesse to be the sole Executor -
 of this my Will: In Testimony whereof I have here-
 unto set my hand and seal the day and year -
 above written -

Signed Sealed & published
 in the presence of us -

Wth. Heathcote
 Charity Stone
 John Broome

George Buddington Sealed
 his
 Wth. James
 mark
 Wm Burgesse

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AND on the back of the aforesaid Last Will and Testament
 was thus written: September 24th 1674.
 Wm Burgesse and John Broome two of the Witnesses to
 the Will of George Buddington of an narrantall County
 Deceased made Oath that they saw the said Buddington
 sign seal and publish this as his Last Will and Testament
 and that he was at the time of the publishing of the said
 Will of a sound disposing mind Philip Calvert -
 But for as much as the said Wm Burgesse is one of
 the Witnesses to the said Testament and that the Executor
 in the said Testament named is one of the Sons of the said
 Wm and at this time absent out of this Province the Judge
 here further ordered that Commission be issue out of this -

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 Court here to Thomas Tailor One of his Lordships Council in
 this Province to prove the said Will by the other witnesses to the
 said Will and then to Deliver Letters of adm^{con} of the Goods -
 Chattells Rights and Credits of the said Deceased with the Will
 annexed to the said Wm Burgesse to the only use and behoof
 of the said Edward Burgesse his Son, the Executor in the Will
 named and that the said Wm Burgesse take the Oath of adm^{con}
 and give bond in one hundred Thousand Pounds of Tobacco
 for his due adm^{con} of the said Goods Chattells Rights and
 Credits of the said Deceased and that Nathl. Heathcote
 Robert Franklin and Thomas Francis be Appraisers of the
 said Goods Chattells Rights and Credits and that the said Philip
 Tailor do swear the said appraisers and the said Wm Burgesse
 took the Oath of adm^{con} immediately and likewise gave bond
 upon his said adm^{con} and the said Commissioners Sellers of
 adm^{con} Warrants to appraisers and to swear them if sued
 under the seal of this Office immediately Inwented in m.

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Die June 5 Octobris
 Came Alice Fenahill the Heir of Wm Fenahill of
 Calvert County Deceased and Exhibited the said Will and
 Testament of the said Deceased, requesting to have the same
 Recorded being proved by one of the Witnesses thereunto -
 before the Right Hon^{ble} Charles Calvert Esq. Ordered the
 said Will to be Recorded which followeth in these Words -

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In the Name of God Amen.

This is my Last Will and Testament I make in perfect me-
 mory and understanding in presence of God and in the
 hearing of these who are the under written Witnesses made
 by me and witnessed this 10th of June 1688.

Item I give my Soul to God that gave it me by the Mer-
 its of my Saviour Jesus Christ that Redeemed me &
 my body to the Ground to be buried in a Christian like
 manner and Civil sort and my body to be layed in this my
 plantation I live on.

Item I do Confirm that the two heifers formerly given by me
 David Duncan shall be for and Equally divided between my
 now living three Children viz^t my two Sons Wm and John
 Fenahill and my Daughter Mary Fenahill

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Item I give this my plantation with all the ground thereunto
belonging unto me, with the one hundred acres of Land taken
up by me at the head of this popular hill Creek, binding upon
Wm Marlos's land which he the said Marlos lately bought of
Thomas Bennett.

The said two parcels of Land I do give unto my sons (102ⁿ) and
John Fenahill to be Equally divided betwixt them and in
case my wife Alice Fenahill that is now great with Child -
bring forth a son then the said son to have a full share of
the above said two parcels of Land (102ⁿ) his one third part -
thereof with his own third part of the houseing thereon with
the other two sons of mine.

Item I give to my wife and children all my stock of Cattel to be
Equally divided betwixt my said wife and children.

Item I give my wife all my household stuff both within and with-
out with all my hogs and in case all my children die then
all my Land to my wife Alice Fenahill and her heirs forever I
do give.

Item I do make my loving friends John Canwell and John
noy Roberts to be Overseers and Trustees to see this my Will -
performed with witness my hand the day and year above written.

Witness

Wm I. Fenahill.

John Lawson
Richard Aldor.

The within written Will of Wm Fenahill was by John
Lawson witness to the said Will proved before me this 7th
May 1667.

Charles Calvert.

Hon^d S^r

According to yo^r E. Hon^r Command and ord^r in the Com^{on}
to me directed I have caused to come before me Steven Marpley
one of the witnesses to the last Will and Testament of Alexander
Roche late of Dorchester County deceased on the 17th day of
August last past and made oath to the truth of the said Will
William Seale was then and now is a prisoner so that I could
not Command him before me yet notwithstanding I went
to the house of the Sherriff myselfe twice to have done it there
but was gone out with his keeper in so much that I could
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Lib^r H. N^o 6. E. not meet with him I have here enclosed sent the bond of the Exec^r
which I hope with this will come safe to yo^r Hon^r and I
did likewise on the 17th day of August administer the oath
of appearance to Thomas Shinner and Morris Mathews both
of this County all which I Certifie under my hand and seal
this 28th day of August Annoq^{ue} Dni 1674.

Yo^r Hon^r small observance
Robert Winsemore Sealed

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Die Lunæ 12 Octobris

Came James Krisby of Cecil County Son and heir of James
Krisby late of Baltimore County deceased and one of the Exec^r
of the last Will and Testament of his said father. Requesting to
have the same by the witnesses here present proved which
Testament followeth in these words (102ⁿ)

The last Will and Testament of me James Krisby sen^r being
in perfect sense and memory Praise be to Almighty God for
it, now living in Sasapas River in Baltimore County
in the province of Maryland &c.

First I commend my Spirit unto him that gave it and
my Body to the Earth. In quinis I give unto my Wife
the one third of my Moveable Estate and also the one third
of my Plantation I now live on during her life &c.

Item I will and bequeath unto my three sons namely James
Krisby Jun^r and Wm Krisby and Thomas Krisby all what
and is containing in my two Seats (that is to say) Swanpoint
and the Seat I now live on which two Seats I do desire may
be Equally divided betwixt them, both according to quantity
and quality and if it cannot be so Equally divided then he
that hath the worst part shall have a Consideration from
the other two Brothers which may be Equivalent to what
is short of the other, my eldest son to have his first Choice
my second son the next Choice.

Item I do also give unto my three sons above mentioned
the hundred and fifty acres of Land that lyeth on the North-
side of Sasapas River between Hendrick Mattons and Marcus
Eversons I also bequeath unto my three sons my plantation
in Elizabeth River in Virginia which doth contain Six

(hundred)

2. No 6. hundred acres I do allow and Sollerate my two Executors to sell these two parcels of Land last mentioned if they do Judge it will be most to advantage.
 Item I will and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Frisby One hundred and Seventy pounds Sterling and a Negroe Girl named Margarette and this to be paid her when she Cometh to Eighteen years of age or at the day of her Marriage and to be maintained out of my Estate till she is Disposed of. But if my Goods miscarry and be lost that was sent to England in the year One Thousand six hundred Seventy and Three then my Daughter Mary to have but One hundred and Twenty pound Sterling and the Negroe Girl that was before named, I do not mean that my household Goods should be Divided in parts but do wholly bequeath them to my wife to dispose of as she shall think fit.
 Item I do here constitute and appoint my Loving wife and my well beloved son James Frisby Junr. to be my true and Lawfull Executors to perform and act in the behalf of themselves and the rest of my children to the which Will and Testament I have hereunto set my hand and seal this two & twentieth day of Decemb. 1673.

James Frisby Senr. Testes

Signed Sealed and Delivered

in the presence of — Abraham Atran. On the back hereof the said Will was Nicholas Dorell. Thus written (Vizt) —

October 12th 1674
 Nicholas Dorell one of the Witnesses to the within said Will and Testament of James Frisby late of Bghthmore County Deceased made oath that he saw the said James Frisby of a Sound disposing mind sign seal and publish this his within will and Testament before me the day and year above written.

Philip Calvert?

Whereupon Nicholas Dorell one of the Witnesses to the said Testament being sworn upon the Holy Evangelists faith that he saw James Frisby the Testator of a sound disposing mind and with an Intent to make his Testament sign seal and Publish this as his last Will and Testament and afterwards

(Abraham)

2. No 6. Abraham Atran the other Witness to the said Testament being called to give his testimony Excused himself because he could not swear for Conscience sake whereupon the Judge considered that the Testament was testamentum inter vivos and therefore Judged the will and Testament well made and ordered Sellers Testamentary to be granted to Mary Frisby the Widow of the said James deceased and to James Frisby the son of the said deceased by the said Mary the Executrix and Executor in the said Testament named; they the said Executrix and Executor taking the usual Oaths of an Executor and the said James took the Oath of Executor immediately and prayed Comission to Thomas Howell Gentl. one of the Justices for Cecil County to be directed to administer the Oath of Executrix to Mary his Mother the other Executrix in the said Testament named which was ordered accordingly and that John Guilbert and John Cox be app^{rs} and the said Sellers Testamentary Comission to Howell and War^{ts} to app^{rs} and to the said Howell to swear them Inured immediately &c.

Die Martis 13^o Octobris.

296 Came Thomas Hupsey of Charles County Gentl. and shewed that Joseph Pearce late of Dartmouth in the County of Devon in the Kingdom of England Merchant dyed at his house in Charles County &c. that before his Death he made his last Will and Testament in writing which he now Exhibited into this Office witnessed by Benjamin Rorer & John Jones of which Will and Testament appeared the wife of the said Deceased is constituted sole Executrix and the said Hupsey further shewed that he had in his hands several bills for Tobacco due to the said Deceased and demanded a Debt of four thousand seven hundred pounds of Tobacco for Dyet and attendance of the said Deceased in his sickness for Seventy Days in which time he was utterly unable to turn himself in his bed as also for Funerall Expenses.

In the Name of God Amen

Joseph Pearce of Dartmouth in the County of Devon Merchant being Sick and Weak in Body but of Sound

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 I. n^o 6. and perfect memory (praised be God) and knowing the uncertainty of this life on Earth and being desirous to see all things in order to make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, That is to say first and principally I commend my Soul to Almighty God my Creator assuredly believing I shall receive full pardon and free Remission of all my Sins and be saved by the precious Death and Merits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ & my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such Decent and Christian Manner as is Convenient as my friends shall think fit and as touching such worldly Estate as the Lord in mercy hath sent me my Will and meaning is the same shall be Employed and bestowed as here after by this my Will is Express^d. and first I do Renounce and make void all Wills by me made formerly and Declare and appoint this my last Will and Testament. Item I give and bequeath unto Ann Pearce my dearly beloved Wife all my Goods and Chattells (viz^t Money Plate Jewells Debt House hold stuff and all other my personall Estate in England or Else where to be disposed as followeth and do hereby Nominate and appoint her my said Wife to be my sole Executrix Item I will that first my Debts in Right and Conscience due be truly paid and all disbursements and Expences and Charges in my sickness be fully satisfied and my funerall Charges being defrayed I will that my Exec^r. pay unto Every of my Children twelve pence of Lawfull Money of England when Demanded but if it shall happen that after my Death my Exec^r. shall at any time during her Natural Life Inter marry then my Will is that She take to herself the one half of my personall Estate and that she pay and Deliver the other half or Moieties Equally amongst my Children and if it shall please God that any of my Children shall dye or depart this Natural life before they shall arrive to the age of one and Twenty years or shall happen to marry that then the part or portion of that Child so dying shall be Equally divided amongst the Survivors or Survivor and my Will is that Every Child shall have their parts or portions paid unto them all the Day of
 (their)

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 their marriage Or at the time when he she or they shall arrive to the full age of one and Twenty years which shall first happen and not before In testimony of this my last Will and Testament I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this two and Twentieth Day of September 1674. in the Province of Maryland in Charles County in the 43th year of the Dominion of Cecilus absolute Lord and Proprietary of the said Province &c?
 Signed Sealed & Delivered as the Last Will and Testament of Joseph Pearce above Mentioned in the presence of us by him himselfe Benj^r. Rorer.
 John Jones guided his hand at the signing and sealing hereof.
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 Whereupon the Judge ordered that Commision Issue to Thomas Matthews of Charles County aforesaid Gentl. to prove the said Testament and that Sellers of adm^{con} with the Will annexed be committed to Benjamin Rorer afores. to the sole use and behoof of Ann the Exec^r. in the said Will named to the End the said Hussey may be paid his said Debt of \$400⁰⁰ Tobacco and the Rest of the goods returned by the said Rorer to the said Exec^r. and the Judge further ordered that the said Rorer give Bond with two sufficient Sureties of one hundred pounds of Tobacco upon his Administration and take the Oath of adm^{con}. and that before he intermeddle with the said Goods and Chattells of the Deceased and that Thomas Hussey and Ignatius Caupin of Charles County Esq^r. Gentl. be app^rs of the said Goods and Chattells if there be any left within this Province other then bills and accounts for Debt. which need no appraisement and the Comm^r. Sellers of adm^{con} with the Will annexed together with Warr^{ts} to app^r. and to swear them issued und^r the Seal of the Office immediately Inveⁿd returned in Ans.

Die Martis Th^o Octobris 1674
 Was Exhibited unto the Judge here the last Will and Testament of John Keivill Late of Calbert County Gentl. Deceased witnessed by Ralph Blackhall and James Banks Hurst and in Regard the Witnesses Live one in Kent County
 (and)

Lib. Pl. No. 6. and the other in Talbot County in which County, also the Exec.
 p 298 Sweth. Comission was prayed to prove the said Will to be directed
 to Math. Ward Gent. who dwelt near to the witnesses and
 Exec. Maryland. In the Name of God amen
 The fifth day of October One thousand six hundred Seventy and
 Three in the forty and second year of the Dominion of
 Cecilius & John Nevill of Calvert County in the Province
 of Maryland Gent. being Sick and weak in body but of sound
 and perfect Memory (praise be given to God for the same)
 and knowing the uncertainty of this life on Earth and
 being desirous to settle things in Order Do make this my
 Last Will and Testament in manner following (That
 is to say) First and principally I commend my Soul to
 allmighty God my Creator assuredly believing that I
 shall receive full pardon and Remission of all my sins and
 be saved by the precious Death and Merits of my blessed Saviour
 and Redeemer Christ Jesus, and my Body to the Earth, from
 whence it was to be buried in such decent and Christian man-
 ner as my heir and Executor hereafter mentioned shall think
 fit and convenient and as touching such Worldly Estate as the
 Lord in his Mercy hath sent me my Will and meaning is the
 same shall be employed and bestowed as here after by this
 my Last Will is Expressed. and first of all, I do revoke
 Renounce frustrate and make void all Wills by me formerly
 made and Declare and appoint this my Last Will and Tes-
 tament. Item I give and bequeath unto Mr. Rich. Hillman
 of Talbot County Six Thousand pounds of Tobacco and Cash
 provided that he shall demand no more satisfaction for my
 sickness it being according to a green. made with him
 but in case he shall demand more then the aforesaid sum
 then my Will is that he shall have no more. Item I give
 and bequeath the Remainder of all my Estate both personal
 and Real in whose hands soever the same shall be found
 in what kind Nature or Condition whatsoever unto my
 Loving and Dear friend Patrick Sullivan of Talbot County
 Planter whom I do by this my Last Will and Testament
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 p 299 lothing my hand and Seal the day and year aforesaid
 Signed Sealed & delivered
 in the presence of us - Signum
 Ralph Blackhall
 John Nevill Sealed
 James Barkhurst
 Ordered that Comission Issue to the said Mathew Ward to
 prove the said Testament and after proof to administer the
 Oath of Executor to Patrick Sullivan of Talbot County and
 then to deliver the Testers Testamentary to the said Patrick and
 further Ordered that John Manning and Wm Evans of the Office
 in Calvert County be app. of the said Estate And that
 Richard Sad of the said County Gent. do swear them and the
 said Com. Testers Testamentary Comon Warr. to app.
 and to swear them Issued immediately under the Seal of the
 Office — Invenit Returnable in m. 3

306.

Die Martis 20. Octobris 1674
 Was Exhibited the last Will and Testament of John Westlock
 of Somerset County which followeth in these words vizt
 I John Westlock of Wicacomoco in the County of Somerset
 in the Province of Maryland planter being Sick and weak
 in body but in perfect sense and Memory Blessed be to God
 for itt, Do make this my Last Will and Testimony in manner
 and form as followeth Revoking all other wills and Testimo-
 nys whatsoever. First I bequeath my Soul to God the giver
 of it, and my Body to the Earth and to be buried with a Chris-
 tian Buriall after my Decease according to the discrecon
 of my Executrie after mentioned. Item I make my well-
 beloved wife Magdalena Westlock my whole and sole
 Executrie of all and singular what soever to me belongeth
 holding this my Last Will and Testimony firm & Staple
 without Alteration in Willness hereof I sett to my hand
 and Seal this 29th Day of January 1674 the mark of
 Signed Sealed & Delivered
 in the presence of Us —
 Wm Elgett —
 the mark of
 Thomas A Giles
 (And)

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and in regard of the great age of Magdalene the Exec^{tr} in
the will named as a witness in Consideration of the Remembrance
of the habitation of the Witnesses to the said Testament -
Com^{on} was prayed to prove the said Testament in Somerset
County wherefore Ordered that Com^{on} issue to David Brown
Gent. One of his Lordships Justices of the peace for the said
County to take the proof of the said Testament and return it
into this Office as also to administer the Oath of Exec^{tr}
to the said Magdalene and then to deliver her the Letters
Testamentary and that James Weatherly and Henry Hay-
man be app^{rs} and that the said David Brown do swear
them which Com^{on} Letters Testamentary and Writ^s
to app^{rs} and to swear them I found under the Seal -
Immediately *Alleluia*.

308.

Die Mercurij 21. Octobris 1674.
Returned by Robert Burle of Annerundell County Gent.
the probate of the last Will and Testament of James
Warner late of the said County deceased being proved by
the Witnesses thereunto which return followeth in these
words. To the Hon^{ble} Philip Calvert Esq^r his Lord.
Judge Chief Judge for probate of Wills & granting of adm^{cons}.
These may Certifie unto yo^r Hon^r that according
to yo^r Order the last Will and Testament of James Warner
late of Annerundell County deceased was proved in open
form to be his Real act and Deed, upon the Oaths of Abra-
ham Child and John Jacob the witnesses to the said Will
sworn before me the tenth day of September 1674. -
Witness my hand and Seal the day & year above said -
Robert Burle. Sealed.

311.

Die Lunæ 26. Octobris 1674.
Came Richard Silghman of Talbot County Chirurgeon
and Joan Colbeck of the same County Spinster the Exec^{tr}
and Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Tho^s South
late of Kent County deceased and Exhibited the last will

(and)

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Lib. P. C. No 6. and Testament of the said Deceased Requesting to have the same
fo 311 to be proved by Richard Ellwood the sole surviving Witness to
the said Testament the other Witness Joshua Barns being un-
fortunately drowned in Company with the Testator where-
upon the said Ellwood being called and sworn upon the Holy
Evangelists saith that he was present when the said Thom^s
South being then of sound disposing mind and Intending
to make his Testament did sign seal and publish as his last
Will and Testament the writing now shewed unto him which
Testament followeth in these words (Viz^t)

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas South of Kent County
in the Province of Maryland Gentleman being Sicken of
Body but of sound and perfect Memory Do make and Ordain
this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following.
In primis I give and bequeath my Soul to God that gave it and
my body to the Earth to be decently Interred by my Exec^{tr}
and Executrix hereafter mentioned: Item I will and require
all my Just Debts to be satisfied and paid: Item I give and be-
queath to my maid servant Joan Colbeck Ten Thousand
pounds of good Tobacco in Casque to be paid to her with
in six months after my decease and if it please God that Day
before her time of Servitude be expired, that then she in-
mediately be free from her servitude -
Item I give and bequeath to my loving friend John Healy
of Severn five Thousand pounds of good Tobacco in Casque
to be paid to him within six months after my Decease Item
I give and bequeath to my loving friend Richard Silghman
of Talbot County Ten Thousand pounds of good Tobacco in
Casque to be paid to him within six months after my
Decease Item I give and bequeath all the Remainder of my
personall Estate (my Just Debts first satisfied) to be
Equally divided between Richard Silghman and Joan
Colbeck who I do hereby appoint Ordain make and Con-
stitute my whole and sole Execut^{rs} and Execut^{tr} of this my
last Will and Testament and M^r Henry Hosier and
James Angall to be Overseers Giving to Each of my
Oversers one Mourning Ring of Twenty four Shill
prior to be sent for and delivered them the next Shipping

(following)

Lib^r. H. No 6. and in Regard of the great Age of Magdalen the Exec^r. in
fo 397 the will named as a witness in Consideration of the Remembrance
of the habitacon of the Witnesses to the Said Testament -
Com^{on} was prayed to prove the said Testament in Somerset
County Wherefore Ordered that Com^{on} issue to David Brown
Gentl. One of his Lordships Justices of the peace for the said
County to take the proof of the said Testament and Return it
into this Office as also to administer the Oath of Exec^r.
to the said Magdalen and then to Deliver her the Letters
Testamentary and that James Weatherly and Henry Hay-
man be app^{rs} and that the said David Brown do Swear
them which Com^{on} Letters Testamentary and Writs
to app^{rs} and to Swear them I sued under the Seal -
Immediately *Allegor.*

308.

Die Mercurij 21. Octobris 1674.
Returned by Robert Burle of Annarundell County Gentl.
the probate of the last Will and Testament of James
Warner late of the said County deceased being proved by
the Witnesses thereunto which return followeth in these
words. To the Hon^{ble} Philip Calvert Esq^r. his Lord-
ships Chief Judge for probate of Wills & granting of adm^{cons}.
These may Certifie unto yo^r Hon^r. that according
to yo^r Order the last Will and Testament of James Warner
late of Annarundell County deceased was proved in comen
form to be his Real act and Deed, upon the Oaths of Abra-
ham Child and John Jacob the witnesses to the said Will
Sworn before me the tenth day of September 1674. -
Witness my hand and Seal the day & year above said -
Robert Burle. Sealed.

311.

Die Juno 26 Octobris 1674.
Came Richard Silghman of Talbot County Chirurgeon
and Joan Collect of the same County Spinster the Exec^r.
and Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Tho^s South
late of Kent County Deceased and Exhibited the last will -
(and)

Lib^r. H. No 6. and Testament of the said Deceased Requesting to have the same
fo 311 to be proved by Richard Ellwood the Sole Surviving Witness to
the said Testament the other Witness Joshua Barnes being un-
fortunately drowned in Company with the Testator where-
upon the said Ellwood being called and sworn upon the Holy
Evangelists Saith that he was present when the said Thom^s.
South being then of sound disposing mind and Intending
to make his Testament did sign seal and publish as his last
Will and Testament the writing now shewed unto him which
Testament followeth in these words (Viz^t)

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas South of Kent County
in the province of Maryland Gentleman being Sicken of
Body but of sound and perfect Memory Do make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following.
In prims I give and bequeath my Soul to God that gave it and
my body to the Earth to be decently Interred by my Exec^r.
and Executrix hereafter mentioned: Item I will and Require
all my Just Debts to be satisfied and paid: Item I give and be-
queath to my Maid servant Joan Collect Ten Thousand
pounds of good Tobacco in Casque to be paid to her with
in six months after my decease and if it please God that I dye
before her time of servitude be expired, that then she in-
mediately be free from her servitude -
Item I give and bequeath to my Loving friend John Heely
of seven five Thousand pounds of good Tobacco in Casque
to be paid to him within six months after my Decease Item
I give and bequeath to my Loving friend Richard Silghman
of Talbot County Ten Thousand pounds of good Tobacco in
Casque to be paid to him within six months after my
Decease Item I give and bequeath all the Remainder of my
personall Estate (my Just Debts first satisfied) to be
Equally divided between Richard Silghman and Joan
Collect who I do hereby appoint Ordain make and Com-
Aitute my whole and Sole Execut^r. and Exec^r. of this my
last Will and Testament and M^r. Henry Hosier and
James Angall to be Overseers Giving to Each of my
Overseers one Mourning Ring of Twenty four White
pence to be sent for and shewed them the next Shipping

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Following my Decease. Item I give and bequeath unto my Dear and Loving Sister Sarah and to the heirs of her Body all my said housing Orchard and plantation withall the Rights and priviledges thereunto belonging and if my said Sister be dead and no heirs of her Body remaining then I give and bequeath the said said housing Orchard and plantation withall thereunto belonging to the heir of my Sister and her Body and to their heirs for Ever. Item I do hereby Renounce and disclaim that which formerly was and is now Called my Wife by the name of Grace South and do debarr her or any Issue of her Body from having any part or parcel of any of my Estate Either Real or Personall. Whatsoever Item I do hereby Revoke and make Void all former Wills or Testaments by me made whatsoever and do Decline and appoint this to be my Absolute Last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and Seal this thirteenth day of October in the 2th Year of the Dominion of *Cecilus C. Annos* 1673. *1673. 1673.*

In the presence of
Joshua Barnes
Richard Ellwood

Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said Testament well made and sufficiently proved and ordered letters Testamentary to the said Executor and Executrix to be granted notwithstanding any Claim that may be made by Grace South the wife of the said Deceased who some years since Elected from the deceased and was never yet reconciled to the said Deceased he the said Richard Ellwood and the said Isaac Colbeck taking the Oath of Executor and Executrix in common form and the said Executor and Executrix took the usual Oath immediately and set the Testamentary issued under the Seal of this Court immediately together with Warrants to Ralph Blackhall and Richard Jones to appraise the goods Chattells of the Deceased and to James Kingd Gentle. one of his Majesty's Justices of the peace

(for)

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Lib. 26. 4 C. for Kent County to swear them Inveind Return 26 Janry next.

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The Martis 3. Novembriis 1674.
Came Francis Brooke of Talbot County and Ex. Exhibited the last Will and Testament of Joseph Dellawood of the said County deceased Requesting to have the same proved by Mary Sanders the sole Surviving witness to the said Testament the other Witnesses William Actisford being unfortunately drowned in Company with the Testator whereupon the said Sanders being Called and sworn upon the holy Evangelists faith that she was present when the said Joseph Dellawood being then of sound disposing mind and Intending to make his Testament did sign Seal and publish as his last Will and Testament the writing now shewed unto her which Testament followeth in these words (Vizt).

In the Name of God Amen. I Joseph Dellawood now of the County of Talbot planter now in good and perfect health and memory this my last Will and Testament by which I shall leave the allmighly to alter the Property of me by Death Either Natural or Casual This my will is all that I in this World I give unto Francis Brooke in Talbot County Excepting one hundred Acres of Land lying in Chester River in Talbot County and that I give to my Brother John Dellawood which lives in Virginia as witness my hand Seal the present day of October the 16th 1674.

Signed Sealed and Delivered -
in the presence of us -

Will^m Actisford
Mary Sanders
Marke

Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said Testament well made and sufficiently proved and ordered Letters Testamentary to be granted to the said Francis Brooke the said Brooke taking the Oath of Executrix in common form which the said Executor took immediately and set the Testamentary issued under the Seal of this Court immediately with Warrants to Andrew Skinner and James Davis to be appraisers and to the said Lord of the County Gould to swear them Inveind in 3^m.

(Eodem)

Lib^r P^r C. 1st C. of June and in the year of our Lord God Everlasting one
Thousand six hundred and Seventy four I Robert Bushby
of Annarundell County indweller in Severn River being sick
and weak in body but in perfect sense and memory do make
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form follow-
ing Revoking all other will and Testament formerly by me
made or caused to be made. In primis I give and bequeath
my Soul to God who gave it and my Body to be buried in decent
manner as my Executor shall think fit. First I give and bequeath
unto my friend Francis Jones Daughter to John Jones two Cows
of five years a peece to her and her heirs for Ever Male and
female and that the said Francis her Mother shall immediately
take her and the two Cows into her Custody and to be free at
fifteen Secondly I give and bequeath unto my Daughter
in Law Francis Deed by One John Calve to her and her heirs
for Ever Male and Female

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Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my Loving Brother Thomas
Bushby One Cow Calve to her and his heirs for Ever with
the Increase Male and Female my Debts being first paid.
Fourthly and Lastly I do give and bequeath unto
my dear and Loving Wife with the Child in her Belly now
that she goeth with all my whole Estate Personal and
Reall that I now do possess in Maryland or Else where
or may Ever Come to me by Will further I do Ordain
and appoint my Wife Margaret Bushby to be my
whole and sole Executor of this my last Will & Testam^t.
In Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and
seal the day and Year above Written of me I do.

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of us

James Boyd

Signed
Catharine E. Ston

Mary Polinger

Signed

And on the back was thus written (viz^t).

(I doom)

Lib^r P^r C. 1st C. November 10th 1674. Rec^d.

According to a Commission to me Directed from the Hon^{ble}
Philip Calvert Esq^r Chief Judge or Commissary Gen^l for
Probate of wills and granting of adm^{ns} within this province
of Maryland I did this Day Call before me James Boyd and
Mary Polinger two of the witnesses to this Will who did
swear that it was the Act and Deed of Doctor Robert Bushby
and that he did Declare that it was his last Will and Testament
and that at the time of his signing and sealing of this same
Will he was of sound disposing mind Samuell Chew

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Died June 4th Januarij 1674
Came Mary Keely of Annarundell County the Widow of
John Keely of the said County Deceased and Exhibited the last
Will and Testament of the said Deceased. Requesting to have the same
to be proved by the Oaths of the witnesses thereunto Where
upon W^m Cresser and Robert Hus hands Witnesses to the
said Will being Called and Sworn upon the Holy Evangelists
Sath that they were present when the said John Keely being
then of sound disposing mind intending to make his
Testament did sign seal and publish as his last Will and
Testament the Writing now shewed unto them which Tes-
tament followeth in these Words (Viz^t)

In the Name of God Amen

I John Keely of the County of Annarundell in the province
of Maryland being Very weak in body but of perfect sense and
memory do raise be all mighty God to make my last Will
and Testament in manner and form following. First I bequeath
th my Soul into the hands of the Almighty who gave it me
and my Body to be committed to the Earth for to be buried
as my Executor hereafter to be named shall think fit
Item my Estate which it hath pleased God to Intrust me
with all I will and bequeath as followeth

First I give to my Loving Wife Mary Keely after my
Debts are paid the One Third part of my personal Estate &
the other two Thirds to be Equally divided amongst my
Children.

Item my Reall Estate viz^t the plantation I now live

(upon)

Subsc^d upon and that said known by the Name of my Quarter-
 340 and one hundred acres of Land I have in Patuxent River -
 my will is that they be all sold, and out of the produce my loving
 wife Mary Keely I bequeath fifteen Thousand pounds of
 Tobacco and the remainder to be Equally divided amongst
 my Children. Item my will is that what portion of my
 Estate either Real or personal shall come unto my Children.
 I likewise Commit into the hands of my said wife and then
 to remain till they shall come to Lawfull Age to enjoy
 341 the same and then to be delivered unto them; Lastly I
 make my said Loving wife Mary Keely full and sole
 Executrix to this my Last Will and Testam^t. for to see to the
 Executing and performing of the same according to all
 Intents and purposes Witnes my hand and Seal this 25th
 of November 1674. the mark of -

In the presence of

William Currier

Robert R. H. Husbards

the mark -

Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said Testam^t
 well made and sufficiently Proved and ordered Letters
 Testamentary to the said Mary Keely Exec^{trix} in the said
 Will named, to be granted, She the said Mary Keely labring
 the Oath of Exec^{trix} in Common form and the said Exec^{trix} took
 the usual Oath Immediately and Letters Testamentary
 issued under the Seal of this Court immediately together
 with Warr^{ts} unto M^r. Richard Hill and John Bowman
 to appraise to appraise the Goods and Chattels of the
 said Deceased and to Robert Burs^e of the said County yend
 to swear them In vend Return in 8-Months.

The Mercury 10th January 1700

Came Stephen Morley of Newtown in St. Marys County
 and Exhibited the last Will and Testament of Francis
 Selb Late of the said County Taylor deceased Requesting
 to have the same proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses there
 (unto)

Subsc^d unto Whereupon Morgan Jones one of the Witnesses to the said Will
 345 being called and sworn upon the holy Evangelists oath that
 he was present when the said Francis Selb being then of sound
 disposing mind Intending to make his Testament did sign-
 seal and publish as his Last Will and Testament the writing
 now shewd unto him which Testam^t followeth in these words -
 VIZ. Dear friends being sick in body but of sound and
 perfect Memory and calling to Remembrance the uncertain
 Estate of this transitory life and what I have may be rightly
 Disposed Therefore I thought fit In the Name of God
 to make this my Last will and Testam^t in Manner & form
 following First of all I give and Commit my Soul unto all-
 mighty God my Creator and Redeemer in whose Meritts and
 passion I hope assuredly to be saved and my Body to the Earth
 Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving friend Stephen Mar-
 ty all manner of Debts that are due unto me by all persons -
 hoping that he will pay for my funeral and all other Debts -
 as I owe in Right or Conscience out of what there is due unto
 me (That is to say) there is due from Pope Alvin One Thou-
 sand Six hundred, twenty eight Due from Capt. John Farboe
 One hundred and fifty. Item due from John Warriack Seven
 hundred Sixty and five James Pettifor two hundred and fifty
 Item due from John Angell One hundred weight of Tobacco
 and a Weeding hoe due from Daniel Hammon One hundred
 weight of Tobacco I desire that my trunk that is at Poppa-
 alvin may be secured and Conveyed to my Son in Virginia
 I give and bequeath unto Jorien Daly my broad Cloth
 Cloke and to his Son my best Suite of Cloaths and my Gun.
 In Witnes whereof hereunto I sett my hand and Seal
 this Seventh day of January 1674. Francis Selb Sealed
 Signed sealed & Delivered
 in the presence of us -
 Morgan Jones -

Witness as beston. And on the back side of the above
 Will was thus Written (VIZ) Morgan Jones Witness to the
 within Will of Francis Selb made call that he hath been
 present at the signing sealing and Delivery of the same by the
 Testator and that then he was of sound Disposing mind -

(before)

Lib^r Pl. C. before me this 20th Day of January 1674 by Order of the Judge
in Testamentary Causes. Michael Rochford Clerk.

Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said Testament well-
made and sufficiently proved and in regard thereof Decreed
doth bequeath all manner of Debts due unto him unto the
said Murty by his said Testament which doth imply an
Executorship to the said Stephen Murty Ordered Letters Tes-
tamentary to the said Murty to be granted which issued
out of this Court and passed the Seal Immediately—

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The Martis 9th February

Came Richard Wakers of Talbot County who married the Heir
of Richard Hacker late of the said County Deceased and Exhibited
the last Will and Testament of the said Deceased requesting
to have the same to be proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses
thereunto Whereupon Thomas Seville and Richard Sexby
Witnesses to the same being called and sworn upon
the Holy Evangelists Say that they were present when
the said Richard Hacker being then of sound Disposing
mind Intending to make his Testament did Signe Seal & publish
as his Last Will and Testament the Writing now shewes unto
them which Testament followeth in these Words (Vizt)

In the Name of God amen.

I Richard Hacker being sick and weak of Body but
perfect in Memory do Order and Dispose bequeath all
my Lands Goods Chattells Moveables and Immoveables
my Just Debts being first paid. In primis I give and
bequeath my Soul and Spirit to God that gave it me
my Body to the Earth from whence it came Secondly
I give to my Loving Wife Mary Hacker my now dwelling
Plantation being in Tract Three hundred Acres of Land
called Upper power. Thirdly I give my Loving Wife all
my Goods Chattells Moveables and Immoveables and all
my Debts that are or may appear to be any ways due to
me Either by Bill or Account And for the due Executing

(of)

Lib^r Pl. C. of this my last Will and Testament I do Order and appoint my
350 Loving wife Mary Hacker Sole Executrix and for the Oversight of the
true performance of this my last Will and Testament I do appoint
my Loving friends Thomas Seville and Richard Sexby to be Overseers
for the same purpose as Witnesses my hand and Seal this Twentieth
fourth Day of Aprill One thousand six hundred Seventy four—

Testes

Thomas Seville

Richard Sexby

Richard Hacker Sealed

Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said Testament well-
made and sufficiently proved and whereas Mary Watters the
Heir of the said Deceased lately Dyed Intestate Ordered Letters
of Admon with the will annexed to the said Richard Watters—
to be granted he the said Richard Watters taking the Oath of
Admⁿ in Common form and the said Admⁿ took the usual
Oath immediately and Letters of Admon with the Will annexed
Issued and the Seal of this Court immediately Together with
Warr^{ts} to Jm^r Standley and Jm^r Whittington to appraise the
Goods and Chattells of the said Deceased and to Richard Gorsuch
of the said County Gent^l to swear thereon the said Admⁿ hath
given Bond with John Edmunds for his security in 30000th
Tobacco for his due Admⁿ therein to be returned in 3 months.

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Eodem Die

Came Robert Bursle of Annandale Gent^l by his Letter Dated
the 15th of November last past and made Return of the probate
of the Last Will and Testament of John Brown late of the said
County deceased Whereupon Ordered that the Last Will and
Testament of the said Deceased be recorded which followeth in
these Words Vizt

I John Brown being now in perfect Memory although
weak in Body do Order my Outward Estate as follows imme-
diately after my Decease Namely after all my Lawfull Debts
be paid. I give unto my wife Mary Brown all my whole
Estate both Reale and personall that can be called mine to
Dispose of as she shall see good and do appoint her my Sole
and only Executrix in all things Concerning my Estate.

(as)

Sub. Pl. at C. as witness my hand and seal this 17th of November 1673.

Testes

John Sedever

Oliver Stenson

Ris Mark

John Browne, Scribe

Upon the foregoing last Will and Testament was thus written -
These are to Certifie that the within mentioned Instrument was
proved to be the last act and last Will and Testament of the
Decedent Upon the Oath of Oliver Stenson one of the witnesses
to the said Will the 29th of June 1674 witness my hand & seal
the day and year above said. Robert Burle Seal.

The other witness to the Will named John Sedever was re-
ported out of the County and suddenly after out of the
Province, therefore his testimony could not be procured -
Witness my hand Robert Burle

The Exec^r also took her Oath for performance of adminⁿ in
Common form according as it is required Witness my hand

Robert Burle

Whereupon Ordered that Sotters Testamentary to Mary
Brown Exec^r in the said Will named to her be granted -
which issued out and passed the seal immediately

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Godun Die

Came William Lawrence of Kent County Gentl. and made return
of the probate of the last Will and Testament of William Head late
of the said County deceased which followeth in these words 2781
By Vertue of a Commission Directed unto me from the Hon^{ble}
Philip Calvert Chancellor and Chief Judge for probate of Wills
and Granting Adminⁿs within this Province of Maryland
bearing Date the 15th Day of October and in the 48th year of the
Dominion of Cecilus 2^d Annos Du^o 1674. to wit the
Oaths of Christopher Goodhams and Disbore Bennett Wit-
nesses to the last Will and Testament of William Head late
of Kent County deceased as also to administer unto Elizabeth
Head Exec^r of the said Will the Oaths of Exec^r which I have

(done)

Sub. Pl. No. 6. Done according to the Witnesses Oaths being taken the 29th of October
1674. and administered the Oath of Executrix unto Elizabeth
Head Executrix in the said Will named the 15th Day of December
Annos Du^o 1674. as I am by the said Commission Impowred.

William W. Lawrence

Ris Sign

Whereupon Ordered that the said Will be recorded which
followeth in these Words Viz^t ~~cccc~~

In the Name of God amen. I William Head
of the County of Kent in the Province of Maryland being such
and soch in Body but of sound and perfect Memory (God be
praised) Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament
in manner and form following. That is to say I first bequeath
my soul into the hands of all mighty God, trusting to receive
Remission of my sins in and through the meritorious Blood of
Jesus Christ my Redeemer, and next my body to the Earth
from whence it was taken, to receive a Christian Burial ac-
cording to the Discrecon of my Exec^r hereafter mentioned and
for my Temporal Estate after my just Debts be paid I give and
bequeath as here after followeth: Item I give and bequeath unto
my son William Head my seal Ring and my Gray Gelling my
Curt lath and my Gun; Item I give unto my son in Law
Edward Haskoy one Cow Calfe to be Delivered to him Use with-
in one year and a day after my Decease with all her female In-
crease untill he come of age. Item for the Residue which shall
Remain (my Debts paid as above said) of my Temporal Estate
my Will and Desire is that it be Equally Divided into Three parts
the one Part unto my son William above named and one other
part unto my Daughter Jean Head and the other part thereof
unto my Loving Wife Elizabeth whom I also make sole Exec^r
of this my last Will &c. AND further my Will is that the
Commiss^{rs} of the County Court shall have the Disposal
of my two Children above named, with their parts of my Estate
which shall belong unto them untill my son William shall

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16th Dec. 1674. Come to the age of one and Twenty years and that then he have his sisters part also delivered into his hands to be paid her Either at her day of marriage or age of one and twenty year which shall first happen In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seal this 16th day of June Anno Domini One Thousand Six hundred Seventy and four -

Signed and Sealed -
in the presence of us
Christopher Goodhand
Disbora Bennett -

William Head Sealed

And on the back of the said Will was thus Written viz.
To the value of a Com^{ms} from the Hon^{ble} the Chancellor -
Chief Judge for Probate of Wills and Granting of Com^{ms} -
to me Directed to prove the Will within Specified which -
accordingly was done the 29th Oct^r 1674. by Christopher
Goodhand one of the Witnesses and Disbora Bennett the
other as witness my hand this second day of Nov^r 1674.

William W^m Lawrence
Signum.

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Eodem Die -
Came William Coursey of Talbot County Gentl & Exhibited
the last Will and Testam^{nt} of Sophia Beede late of Ann-
Arundell County Deceased Requesting Com^{ms} to Issue
unto Samuel Chew of the said County Esq^r One of his
Lordships Council by reason of the remoteness of the
habitation of the Witnesses thereunto to take proof of the
said Will by the Oaths of the Witnesses to the same, Where-
upon Ordered that Commission Issue unto the said Samuel
Chew to prove the said Will by the Oaths of the Witnesses
thereunto and thereof to make Return with all convenient
Speed which Com^{ms} issued out and passed the Seal immediately.

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Eodem Die
Richard Ewen of Annarundell County Gentl. by his -
Letter Dated the 4th Instant Shewed to the Judge here that -
(Sophia)

16th Dec. 1674. Sophia Beede the Widow and Executrix of the last Will and Testam^{nt} of Henry Beede late of the said County deceased Solely died and made her last Will and Testament and thereby Constituted and appointed William Coursey and the said Richard Ewen -
Guardians to her Daughter and heir Sophia Beede and Executrix in her said Will named During her Minority and for severall Reasons him the said Ewen thereunto moving did by his said Letter wholly Relinquish his Claim and Share of any part of the Estate of the said Deceased which Letter followeth in these words viz.
I shall please Yo^r Hon^{rs}.

When Mr Henry Beede dyed he left to his Daughter Sophia Beede by his Will Twenty five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco and Tenn Calves and Calves which was to be delivered unto her after his Debts paid by her Mother who he Constituted his Executrix as your Honour may see Registered in Yo^r Office but before any Inventory of his Estate was returned it pleased God to take away the Executrix who also made a Will which I thought fit to send to Yo^r Hon^{rs} & by Mr Taylor who will Com^{mu}nicate it to you who if you think fit will bring up a Case for the proving of the Will which I shall Resent as an Act of -
Favour but Mr William Coursey being Concerned with the Orphan, and I being suddenly to go out of the Country so that I can not answer my Friends desire without Infinite Loss and Damage to my Self My Request is that if the said Mr William Coursey do Desire Administration upon the Estate of the said Mr Beede Deceased that Yo^r Hon^{rs} will be pleased to grant it to him and this shall satisfy Yo^r Hon^{rs} -
that I wholly Relinquish my Claim and Share of any part of the said Estate of the said Mr Henry Beede Deceased which if Yo^r Hon^{rs} will be pleased to Grant, you will Confer a great Hon^{or} and favour upon -
Yo^r Hon^{rs} most
Humble Servant

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February the 16th 1674.

Richard Ewen

And Whereas the said Richard Ewen one of the Guardians to Sophia Beede the sole Daughter and heir of Henry and Sophia Beede Deceased did wholly Relinquish
(to)

Sub^r D^c. 7th C. to intermeddle with the Estates of the Said Henry and Sophia Beede and whereas William Coursey of Talbot County Gentl^e the other Guardian in the Will of the said Sophia Beede deceased named prayed that admⁿ may to him be committed as well of the Goods Chattells and Debts of Henry Beede deceased - undadministred by Sophia Beede Widow and Exec^r of the Last Will and Testament of the said Deceased as also of the Goods Chattells and Debts of the said Sophia Beede deceased to the sole use and behoof of Sophia Beede Sole Daughter and heir of the said Henry and Sophia Beede and Execut^r in the Will of the said Sophia Beede deceased named during her minority and in regard the said W^m Coursey will administer on the Estates of the said Deceased Proved that the last Will and Testament of the said Sophia Beede Deceased be Recorded for fear of miscarriage of the said Will before Return be made by Samuel Chew of Annarundell County Esq^r - of the probate of the same which will followeth in these words.

(Viz^t)

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In the Name of God Amen -

I Sophia Beede of the County of Annarundell in the Province of Maryland Widow the Late wife and Relict of Henry Beede Late of the same County Gentl^e deceased being sick and weak in Body but of sound and perfect Memory (the Lord be praised for it) Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in Writing Revoking all former and other Wills by me made - as followeth. Inprimis I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God my Creator who gave it me trusting by the Merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ my Redeemer to be made partaker of Everlasting happiness in the World to Come my Body I Commit to the Ground from whence it was Originally taken to be decently buried by the Guardians of my only Daughter Sophia Beede here after named and appointed. Item I do give and devise and bequeath unto my Daughter Sophia Beede the Seal of Land Left her by her father Henry Beede by his last Will and Testament and also one other Seal of Land I do also give devise and bequeath unto my said Daughter Containing

(four)

Sub^r D^c. 4th C. four hundred acres of Land lying also on the Eastern Shore in Talbot County called by the name of Beedes outsett given me by my husband Henry Beede deceased by his Last Will and Testament to hold the said Seal of Land aforesaid to her and her heirs for Ever and if in case my said Daughter should depart this Life before she be married or attain to the age of fourteen then my Will is that the Seal of Land given to my Daughter by her fathers Will should go to W^m Coursey Jun^r and to his heirs and assigns for ever and the other Seal of Land called Beedes Outsett to my Brother Richard Ewens and his heirs and assigns for Ever Item I do give and Devise unto my said Daughter Sophia Beede all my personall Estate both Goods Chattells and Debts with what Money I have in England what so ever to her and her heirs for Ever my husbands and my Debts being first paid and my Funerall Expences paid out of it and if in case my Daughter should depart this Life before she attain the age of fourteen or be married then my Will is that after the Debts and Funerall Expences paid the said personall Estate Goods Chattells and Debts and what money due to me in England or the produce thereof to be Equally divided between my boy Richard Ewens and my Sister Richardsons Children the Talbots or so many of them as is then living Item I do make and ordain my Daughter Sophia Beede my whole Execut^r of this my Last Will and Testament and do nominate Chuse and appoint my Father in Law M^r W^m Coursey and my Dearly beloved Brother M^r Richard Ewens Guardians to my said Daughter and Overseers of this my Last Will and Testament and my Will further is that my Mother in Law M^{rs} Coursey the wife of my Father in Law M^r W^m Coursey may have the Suction and bringing up of my said Daughter during her life and afterwards my Guardians to my Childs Look after her and bring her up as they shall think fit. In witness whereof the said Sophia Beede hath here unto Sett her hand and Seal this 30th Day of December in the Year of Our said one Thousand six hundred Seventy and four

Sophia Beede Sealed

Lib^r Pl. Cl^e. Signed sealed and published
in the presence of -

Thomas Knighton, Hugh Connell -
Benj^r Lawrence, Henry Brady

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And there upon Ordered that the said William Coursey have
Letters of administration as well of the Goods Chattells and Debts
of the said Henry Beedle deceased with the Will there unto annexed
and administered by the said Sophia Beedle Exec^r in his said
Will named as also of the Goods Chattells and Debts of the said
Sophia Beedle with her Will thereunto annexed to the Sole use
and behoof of Sophia Beedle the Sole Daughter and heir of
the said Deceased During her minority and that Comission
Issue unto Richard Wollman of Talbot County Gent^e to take
two severall Bonds of the said William Coursey with two
Sufficient Securitys to Each Bond in Double the Value of the
Estates of the said Henry and Sophia Beedle deceased and
that Philip Stevens and William Finny of the said County
be appraisers of the Goods and Chattells of the said Deceased
in the said County and that the said Wollman do Swear them
and that Mr^r Robert Franklin and Robert Connogh of
Annapundell County be appraisers of the Goods & Chattells
of the said Deceased in the said County and that Sam^l Chew
Esq^r do Swear them which Letters of Adm^{con} with the
Will annexed Comission to take Bonds, Warr^{ts} to app^{rs}
in Talbot County and to Swear them And Warr^{ts} to app^{rs}
in Annapundell County and to Swear them with Bonds
Issued out of this Court and passed the Seal immediately
Administrator Sworn in Common form. Inclosed in 3 months

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Die Jouis 18th February
Eodem Die Came David Brown of Somerset County Gent^e
and made return of the probate of the Last Will and Testam^t
Vide folio 306. of Int^r Westlock Late of the said County deceased as also the
app^rs Oaths of the Estate of the said Deceased which returns
followeth in these words VIZ.

December 26th 1674 -

By virtue of a Comission to me directed from the Judge for
Probate of wills &c. I have Called William Elgat and Thomas -
(Gillis)

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Lib^r Pl. Cl^e. Gillis who by their Oathes have proved that John Westlock did Sign.
Seal and deliver the within mentioned will as his act and deed
before me David Browne -
Magdalene Westlock Executrix Sworn this 19th of November
Anno 1674. before me David Browne -

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Die Martis 23rd February -

Samuel Gibbons of Cecil County by his Letter to the Judge for
probate of wills &c. Shewed that Nicholas Fovey of the said
County Mariner lately deceased and made his last Will and
Testament and thereby constituted him as Trustee of the good
Chattells and Debts of him the said Deceased and forsoe & assigns
him the said Gibbons thereunto moving by his said Letter -
wholly did relinquish his Right Title and Interest of in and to
the Estate of the said Deceased and prayed that Adm^{con} of the
Goods Chattells and Debts of the said Deceased may to Int^r Ward
of the said County be Committed which Letter followeth in these
words. VIZ.

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Philip Calvert Esq^r Chancell^r of Maryland -

These are to desire you to do us that friendly kindness as to let
the Will of Capt^t Nicholas Fovey deceased be proved forthwith
for the witness of the said Will are the Carrier here of Henry
Ward, John Moll, and John Gilbert and to send by them up
Letters of Adm^{con} to his neighbour John Ward because I am
not free if you require my Oath for he has several Debts out
which wee can not receive, nor pay, untill you grant us
our Letters, what wee shall do I shall be for the good of his Widow
These require haste by reason of our dispatch to Irest.

Y^r O^bedient
Y^r O^bedient

Samuell Gibbon -

Security shall be given and John Moll hath promised
me to pay all Charges due for the said Letters of Adm^{con}

Samuell Gibbons

After which the said John Ward by the said Sam^l Gibbon
& exhibited the last Will and Testament of the said deceased -
requesting to have the same to be proved by the Oathes of the
witnesses thereunto Whereupon Henry Ward and John
Moll two of the witnesses thereunto being called and sworn

(upon)

Lib. No. 1106. Upon the holy Evangelists faith that they were present when the said Nicholas Fovey being then of a sound disposing mind intending to make his Testament did sign seal and publish as his last will and Testament the writing now shewed unto them which his testament followeth in these words vizt.

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In the name of God Amen this ninth Day of January One Thousand six hundred Seventy four I Nicholas Fovey of St Georges Parish in Sommerset Shire in the Kingdom of England mariner being dangerous ill but in perfect Memory Please be given to God for the same and calling to Remembrance the uncertain Estate of this transitory Life that all flesh must give unto Death when it shall please God to call I do make Constitute Ordain and appoint this to be my last Will and Testament - and none other Revoking and annulling all Wills or Wills Testaments or Testaments heretofore by me made Either by word or writing and this to be taken only for my last Will and Testament and none other and first being penitent and sorry from the bottom of my heart for my sins past humbly desiring forgiveness for the same I give and Comitt my soul unto almighty God my Maker and Redeemer in whom I trust assuredly to be saved by the Merits and passion of Jesus Christ and to have full remission and forgiveness of all my sins past and that my soul with my body at the General Day of Resurrection shall rise again and possess and Inherit the Kingdom prepared for the Elect & Chosen Desiring my body to be buried in decent Manner and now for the Selling of my Temporall Estate such Lands Goods Chattells and Debts as shall be made appear to be mine I do Order give and Dispose of the same in manner and form following Willing that all my Debts and Duties which I owe in Conscience to any manner of persons whatsoever may be paid by me & my Executors within Convenient time - after my decease

Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving Brother Robert Whitting one Mourning Ring of the Value of twenty Shillings to be paid out of my Estate after my Decease -

Item I give and bequeath unto my Brother George Whitting (One)

Lib. No. 1106. One mourning Ring to the Value of fifteen Shillings to be paid out

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of my Estate after my Decease -

Item I give and bequeath unto my brother George Rush one mourning Ring to the Value of fifteen Shillings to be paid out of my

Estate after my Decease -

Item I give and bequeath after my Decease and my Dear and Loving wife Ann Fovey Decease to my Loving Cousin Robert Whitting Esq^r that house or Tenement of mine in the Marsh of the City of Bristol in King Street unto him and his heirs - During their Lives that are upon it.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving friend Samuel Gibbins one Ring of four pounds Sterling to be paid to him after my Decease or four pounds Sterling -

Item I give unto my Dear and Loving wife Ann Fovey all and singular my Estate Lands Goods and Chattells and Debts or whatsoever shall be made appear to be mine paying the said Legacy's above written after my Decease and I do appoint her my whole and Sole Executrix of all and singular my Estate belonging to me Further I do appoint my Loving friend Samuel Gibbins to take into his Custody what goods I have left unsold in this Country and to dispose of it for the best advantage for my Executors and to receive what Tobacco is due to me in this Country as shall be made appear and to Ship it home to my Loving wife Ann thus have I bestowed the Talent that is lent in this Life by my Gracious Good God and leave my Loving wife to his Grace to be a father and husband to my Dear So Comitting my soul to almighty God as Witness my hand and seal the Day a year above written at Mr. Henry Ward house in the River in Cecil County in the Province of Maryland

Signed Sealed in - Nicholas Fovey
the presence of Henry Ward Sealed
John Gilbert
John Moll

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Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said Testament well made and sufficiently proved and ordered Letters of Administration with the will annexed to the sole use and

(behoof)

Lib^r Pl. n^o 6. bechoof of Ann Howey the widow of the said Deceased and Exec^r in his will named at present in England to the said John Ward to be granted and that Com^{rs}ion issue to Cap^t Thomas Howell to take Bond of him the said John Ward with sufficient security, in double the Value of the Estate of the said Deceased and to Administer unto him the Oath of Admⁿ in Common form and that James Frisby Trust and John Cox be App^{rs} of the Goods and Chattells of the said Deceased and that the said Howell do swear them which Letters of admⁿ Com^{rs}ion to take bond Warr^{ts} to App^{rs} and to swear them with bond issued out of this Court and passed the seal immediately Trust red in three months.

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Die Mercurij 24 February -
Eodem Die Came Samuell Chew of Anne Arundell County Esq^r and made Return of the Last will and Testament of Tho^s Preston late of Calvert County Deceased with the Probate thereof Whereupon the Judge Ordered the said Will to be recorded which followeth in these words VIZ^t.

November the Eighte in the Year One Thousand six hundred and Seventy four

I Thomas Preston in Calvert County in the Province of Maryland being visited by the good hand of God with sickness not knowing how soon it may please God to take away this outward life which must Once be yielded unto Death in Consideration whereof being at present in perfect memory Do make Constitute Ordain and Declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth Revoking and Annulling by these presents all and Every Testament and Testaments Will and Wills heretofore by me made and this to be taken Onely for my Last Will and Testament and no other. VIZ^t First I do Commit my Self Soul and Body into the hands of God my Creator whose Right it is for Him the Giver to dispose of, as it seemeth good in his Right and now for the settling of my Temporall Estate Even such Goods Lands Servants Cattel horses Tobacco Money or Chattells or what Else it hath pleased God to bestow upon me and do by these presents Ordain give and Dispose the same in manner

(and)

Lib^r Pl. n^o 6. me directed from the Hon^{ble} Philip Calvert Esq^r Judge and Com^{rs}ary Gen^l for Probate of Wills &c. I did this Day Cause to come before me Mr. Henry Bowles Richard Benger and Susannah Garnett who do swear that they were present when the within named Thomas Preston deceased did declare the within Writing to remain as his Last will and Testament though not signed nor Sealed by the said Deceased before me Samuell Chew

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Die Mercurij 10 Martij
Came John Smallpiece and William Newport of St. Marys County and Exhibited the Last Will and Testament of George Wather late of the said County Deceased Requesting to have the same to be proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses there unto Whereupon Robert Scofield One of the witnesses to the same the other being since dead being called and sworn upon the Holy Evangelists to sayth that he was present when the said George Wather being then of sound disposing mind Intending to make his Testament did sign seal and publish as his Last Will and Testament the following now shewed unto him which followeth in the following words. In the Name of God Amen I George Waker of St. Jeromes in the County of St. Marys planter being sickly and weak of Body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be to God for the same Do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following my soul I recommend to God that gave it and my Body to the Earth from whence it came Recently to be buried looking for that glorious Joining of Soul and Body at the Resurrection when through the Merits of Christ I hope to receive forgiveness of all my Sins, and know for that part or portion of Worldly Goods that the Almighty God hath been pleased to bestow upon me I give and bequeath the same in manner & form following VIZ^t First I give and bequeath unto M^r Lucas two three year old Barrows and one two year Old Steer. Secondly I give and bequeath unto M^r Laneaine Lord one my Mare. Thirdly I give and bequeath unto Isaac Rains one best son to Isaac Laneaine Lord one two year Old red pig. Thierse Fourthly I give and bequeath unto John Smallpiece my Coat being of a dark Brown now running in the woods. Fifthly my Lawfull and Just Debts and Legacies before by this

(my)

1674. and form as followeth That is to say I will that all my Just Debts as
 I owe be well and truly paid within convenient time after my -
 Decease and also particular Legacies to be paid by my Executors
 of this my Will to see that it be fully accomplished according to
 the very intent and purpose of this my Declaration for which
 End have I Chosen my truly and well beloved friends John
 Stevens and William Stevens Jun^r. and Howell Powell my
 whole and sole Executors and Overseers of this my Will afore-
 Expresed or here after shall be Expresed to all intents and
 purpose without the Council or advice of the Searies at the
 Law or any persons having any thing to do with it only
 you to see this my will fully effected and accomplished you -
 being the very men that I have Chosen to act and do all -
 things in Righteousness for the best advantage for the pre-
 servation of my Estate Committed to your Charge and the full
 pursuance in the defence of the same to all intents and purpose
 as if I my self were personally present to Effect the same as
 followeth *Viz* It is my will if my beloved wife Elizabeth
 Preston do recover this Sickness wherewith she is now visited
 as well as I say if she mend and grow well then I do freely
 give and bequeath unto her and her heirs one third of all
 my visible Estate after my Debts and Legacies being first -
 satisfied and the remainder of my Estate both Lands -
 Chattells horses and Tobacco Money Chattells or what else
 is of my Estate I do freely give and bequeath to my Children
 Namely Three one Boy and two Girls to be Equally divided
 between them but if my wife dies this Sickness then my
 whole Estate to be divided between my three Children the
 Care of which I do Commit to my Executors and my Will
 is that my said Executors shall take my Estate into their
 hands and bring up my Children till they live and attain
 to the Age of being Married and the Boy to the Age of -
 Twenty one years and then to have their Estates returned
 into their hand in Value as received onely all Just accounts
 Satisfied That is to say if my wife be Dead but if live
 ing then she to bring up her Children and my Executors to
 see that they have their Estate Secured as aforementioned
 And on the back side of the said Will was thus written *Viz*
 February 5th Day 1674. According to a Commission to

(me)

Lib^r. Pl^o no⁶ my last Will and Testament bequeathed being satisfied and paid all
 the remainder of my Estate as Chattells Hogs household goods -
 all that may be called mine Either Moveables or Immoveables
 Tobacco Debts or other things what so ever I give and bequeath
 unto William Newport his own Dispose for Ever -
 Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my loving friends
 John Smallpeece and W^m Newport Executors of this my last -
 Will and Testament to see them Executed and performed -
 in Every respect and I do hereby revoke and make void all
 other Wills and do declare that this is my last Will and Tes-
 tament In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my
 hand and seal in July 1674. *The Mark of*
In presence of my Juries George E. Waker Sealed
 Signed Sealed & }
 Delivered and published }
 in the presence of us - }
 Richard Chapman -
 the mark of
 Robert S. Wicofield
 AND on the back of the aforesaid Will was thus written *Viz*
 Robert Swicofield made Oath that he hath been present at the
 signing sealing and delivery of this within Will of George
 Waker late of St. Maryes County Deceased and that at
 the signing sealing and Delivery of the same by the Testator
 that then he was of sound disposing mind this 10th day of
 March Annoq. Dom. 1674. before me signed by Order of the
 Judge in testamentary Causes Michael Jockford Clerk
 Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said Testament well
 made and sufficiently proved And Ordered Letters Testamentary
 to W^m Newport one of the Exec^{rs} in the said Will named
 to be Granted John Smallpeece the other Executor in the
 said Will named having renounced to his Executorship her
 the said William Newport taking the Oath of Executor -
 in Common form and the said Exec^{rs} took the usual Oath im-
 mediately and Letters Testamentary issued under the seal of this
 Court immediately together with leave to W^m Law and Joseph
 Hackney to appraise the goods and Chattells of the said decd.

(and)

Lib^{ry} Pl. n^o 6. and to the Hon^{ble} William Calvert Esq^r to swear them
Invent^{ry} Return^d in 3 months.

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Die Saturni 13th Martij

Came John Paty of the City of Dublin in the Kingdom of Ireland
Carpenter and Exhibited the Last Will and Testament of Henry
Bannister late of St Georges River in St Mary's County deceased
Requesting to have the Same to be proved by the Oaths of
the Witnesses thereunto Whereupon Thomas Dent Gent^l &
Nicholas Rawlins being called and sworn upon the holy E-
vangelists say that they were present at the signing sealing
and publishing of the same by the said Deceased and that at the
signing sealing and publishing thereof he was of a sound
disposing mind with an Intent to make as his Last Will
and Testament the writing shewed unto them which follow-
eth in these words VIZ^t.

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Maryland H. In the name of God amen.

I Henry Bannister of St. Mary's County in St. Georges River
being weak of Body but sound of mind and sense do hereby
Constitute and appoint this to be my Last Will and Testam^t.
Revoking and Disannulling all former Wills at any time
by me made.

In primis

I give and bequeath Soul unto God in hopes of his receiving me
to mercy through the alone Merits of my blessed Redeemer
Jesus Christ and my Body to the Grave to receive decent Buriall
Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving friend and Relation
John Paty all my real and personal Estate whatsoever all my
Debts and Just Claims due from my said Estate being first
Satisfied and Contented In Witnes^s whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and Seal the 18th day of February Anno^d Domⁱ
One thousand six hundred seventy and four

Testes

Thomas Dent

Nich^l X Rawlins

his Mark

And on the back of the a^{fo} Will was thus Written VIZ^t.

(Thomas)

Lib^{ry} Pl. n^o 6. Thomas Dent and Nicholas Rawlins made Oath that they saw Henry
Bannister sign Seal and publish this as his Last Will and Testament
with an Intent to make his Last Will and Testament and that at the
time of publishing this he was of a sound disposing mind -
March 13th 1674 Philip Calvert.

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Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said Testam^t well
made and sufficiently proved and by reason that the Executor
in the said Will named is a stranger and no Inhabitant or
Dweller in this province Respected the said Testamentary
unto him to be Granted till such time as he brings sufficient
Security for his due adm^{on} in the meantime warrants to
Patrick Forrest and John Mackie to appraise the Goods and
Chattells of the said Deceased and to Thomas Dent Gent^l to
swear them issued out of this Court and passed the Calumne
dially Invent^{ry} Returnable in 3 months.

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Die Jovis 25th Martij 1675.

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Eodem Die

Returned by Coll^l Nathaniel Vely of Baltimore County -
the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of John Hall late
of the said County deceased Whereupon Ordered the said Testa-
ment to be Recorded which followeth in these words VIZ^t.

In the Name of God amen.

In the Year of Our Lord God One thousand six hundred seven-
ty and four the One and Twentieth Day of August I John Hall
of Baltimore County in the Province of Maryland being of
a sound mind and perfect Memory blessed be God for it have
made this my Last Will and Testament in manner and
form as followeth.

And first I bequeath my Soul unto the hand of my blessed
Maker and Redeemer at what hour he shall be pleased to -
Call for it next my Body to Our Mother Earth to be buried
in such Decent and Christian Manner as my Executors shall
think fit and next for such Worldly Estate and Goods as the
Lord in Mercy hath Lend me I dispose of in manner and
form as followeth.

In primis I ordain and appoint my Loving friend Tho-
mas Vely to be my sole Executor to See this my Last Will
(performed)

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Lib^r PC. No. C. performed and Executed.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto the said Bernard all my whole Estate and all what is due unto me of severall Persons in this Country as p^{er} accounts appears from under my hand also one Bolt of James Miles for Eleven hundred and forty Pounds of Gold and Casque with all that is or can be called mine nothing Excepted Thirdly my Will is that the said Bernard all pay and satisfy Doctor John Des Sauris for his Physick and attendance in my sickness and also pay and satisfy Capt. George Wells for my accomodation and his care and trouble in my sickness And in Witness of this my last Will and Testament I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Day and Year first above written. Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us

Thomas T. G. Greene — Joanna J. Goldsmith
her mark

Elizabeth L. Bowden
her mark

And on the back side of the said Will was thus written Viz^t.
Baltimore ss.

I Joanna Goldsmiths Witness to the Will within written Do make Oath that the within mentioned John Hall heard the said Will read and approved thereof and declared the same as his last Will and Testament and likewise declared the said Bernard allie Executor thereof all which I Declare to be true So help me God

Sured 3^d Die Januarij 74.

Coram me Nath^l Vlie

Die martis 30. Martij
Came Robert Henly of Charles County Gent^l and made Return of the probate of the last Will and Testament of James Walker late of the said County Deceased which return followeth in these words Viz^t.

Hon^l J^r

According to yo^r Hono^r Warrant to me directed I have —
(Called)

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Lib^r PC. No. C. Called before me John Allen and Thomas Somers the two Witnesses to James Walkers Will and have caused them by their Oaths to prove the same in Common form and have subscribed their proof with their names when, on the back of the said Will and I have also Called before me Alice Exec^{ut} of the above mentioned Will and have administered unto her the Oath of an Executrix in Common form as by yo^r Hono^r I am authorized and directed all which I Certifie to yo^r Hono^r the thirteenth day of March in the 40th year of the Dominion of Cecilus absolute Lord and Proprietary of Maryland & Anne^e Domini 1674. who am
yo^r hon^l most humb^l Serv^t.

Robert Henley —
Whereupon ordered the said Will of the said Deceased to be Recorded which followeth in these words Viz^t.

Maryland^s. In the name of God Amen I James Walker of Charles County being in good health of Body and of sound and perfect mind and memory prave be therefore given to allmighty God To make and ordain this my present last Will and Testament in manner and form following That is to say First and principally I commend my Soul unto the hands of allmighty God hoping through the Meritts Death and Passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit the everlasting life and my Body I Commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Exec^{ut} hereafter named and as touching the Disposition of all such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased allmighty God to bestow upon me I give and Dispose thereof as followeth — In primis I will that all my Debts and Funerall Charges shall be paid and discharged Item I give and bequeath unto John Newby now in the Schoole of m^r Bridges Legat one Thousand pounds of Tobacco in Cash and his passage for England to be paid for out of my Estate Willing that he shall have a true Copy of this my Will to be conveyed by him unto my Cousin James Docher near Kendal in Westmarland in England Item I give and bequeath unto Henry Randall of Charles County planter his Maintenance so long as he lives (stay) for his Meate Drink apparell and Lodging provided he doth not marry or go to live at another house if so then this
(Legacy).

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Legacy to leave and the remaining benefit to leave to the Ex^{or} for Good.
 Item my Will is that my dearly beloved Wife Alice Walker be my sole
 Executrix provided my Cousin James Docker Esq^r do not come into
 this Province of Maryland within Ten years after the Date hereof
 but if he do then my Will is, he shall be Joint Ex^{or} with my
 aforesaid Wife Alice and that all my personal Estate be equally
 divided between them but in case he come not within the time
 limited as before then all to my wife. Item I give and bequeath
 unto my beloved Wife Alice as aft^r all my Lands and Tenements
 within this Province of Maryland for and During her
 Natural life and after her decease I do give and bequeath unto
 the next heir of her Body lawfully begotten one hundred &
 50 Acres of Land Lying Situate and being in Charles County
 known by the Name of Dockers Delight and all the Rest of
 my Land and all the rest of my Land as also the aft^r parcell
 without issue as aft^r I do give and bequeath unto my aft^r
 Cousin James Docker and his heirs for Ever but in case
 the said James Docker do not come into Maryland within
 the time before limited or dyo without issue of his Body lawfully
 begotten then my Will is that the aft^r Lands and Tenements
 shall be to the only use benefit and behoof of the Protestant
 Religion within this Province.
 Item I do hereby desire and Request my beloved friends Cap^t
 Josias Fendall and Thomas Somax to seeke his my Last
 Will and Testament performed to the utmost of their Power
 and Knowledge.
 Item I do hereby Revoke and annul all former Wills by me
 made Declaring this my Last Will Testament In Testimony
 whereof I have here unto sett my hand and Seal Dated the
 one and thirty Day of October 1673.
 Signed Sealed and published James Walker Sealed.
 In presence of
 John Allen -
 Thomas Somax.

And on the back of the said Will was thus Written Viz^t
 Memorandum that John Allen one of the Witnesses to
 the within written Will came before me this Tenth day of
 (March)

18th Pl. W^o C. March anno Domini 1674 and proved the said Will upon his Oath in
 Common form as Willn^g my hand - Robert F Henley
 his mark -

Memorandum that Thomas Somax one of the Willn^ges to the
 within written Will came before me this 15th day of March anno
 Domi 1674 and proved the said will upon his Oath in Common
 form as Willn^g my hand Robert F Henley
 his mark -

Memorandum that Alice Walker the Ex^{or} mentioned in the
 within written Will came before me this 13th day of March anno
 Domini 1674. and took her Oath as the Ex^{or} of the within
 named Testator in Common form as Willn^g my hand
 Robert F Henley -
 his mark -

419.

Die Martis 13^o aprilis
 Came Thomas Dent of St Marys County Gentl. and gave the
 Judge here to understand and beinformed that William Ditton
 Merchant in his Voyage from England unto this Province
 fell Sick and shortly after his arrivall into Taluxent River died
 at the house of Richard Peere in Taluxent aft^r that a fore he died
 he declared his Will in these words or to this Effect before Cap^t
 Leonard Webber the Commander of the Ship Golden Wyon
 in which the said Ditton came from England viz^t
 This is what W^o Ditton Declared to me how he would have his
 Estate disposed Declared Tuesday the 21st Day of March 1674 viz^t
 That what he had he designed for a sister of his and two Nieces and
 for distinction what Nieces they were because he had more
 than three he told me thus that a brother of his and himself
 married two sisters his own wife died and Left him no
 Children, his Brothers Wife dyed and Left his Brother
 two Daughters, these two were the Nieces were to go shares
 with his sister in what Estate he had. Secondly that M^{rs}
 Musters his Kinsmans Wife that came in the said Ship
 should be paid out of his said Estate the sum of twenty
 pounds he having Received but forty pounds of his said
 Kinsman but willed that his wife should have paid to her
 out of the proceeds of his goods the above said sum of 20th Sterling

(and)

Lib^r. P^l. N^o. C.

Legacy to leave and the remaining benefit to leave to the Ex^{ec}. For Ex^{ec}.
 Item my Will is that my dear beloved wife Alice Walker be my sole
 Executrix provided my Cousin James Docker do not come into
 this Province of Maryland within ten years after the Date hereof
 but if he do, then my Will is, he shall be Joint Ex^{ec}. with my
 aforesaid wife Alice and that all my personal Estate be equally
 divided between them but in case he come not within the time
 limited as before then all to my wife. Item I give and bequeath
 unto my beloved wife Alice as aft^r all my Lands and Tenements
 within this Province of Maryland for and during her
 Natural life and after her decease I do give and bequeath unto
 the next heir of her body lawfully begotten one hundred &
 50 Acres of Land Lying Situate and being in Charles County
 known by the Name of Dockers Delight and all the Rest of
 my Land and all the rest of my Vards as also the aft^r parcell
 without issue as aft^r I do give and bequeath unto my aft^r
 Cousin James Docker and his heirs for ever but in case
 the said James Docker do not come into Maryland within
 the time before limited or dyo without issue of his body lawfully
 begotten then my Will is that the aft^r Lands and Tenements
 shall be to the only use benefit and behoof of the Protestant
 Religion within this Province.
 Item I do hereby desire and Request my beloved friends Capt^t.
 Josias Fendall and Thomas Vornat. to Seal his my Last
 Will and Testament performed to the utmost of their Power
 and Knowledge.
 Item I do hereby Revoke and annul all former Wills by me
 made Declaring this my Last Will Testament In Testimony
 whereof I have here unto sett my hand and Seal Dated the
 one and thirty Day of October 1673.
 Signed Sealed and published James Walker Sealed.
 In presence of.
 John Allen -
 Thomas Vornat.

And on the back of the said Will was thus Written Viz^t
 Memorandum that John Allen one of the Witnesses to
 the within written Will came before me this Tenth day of
 (March)

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Lib^r. P^l. N^o. C.

Mardi anno Domini 1674 and proved the said Will upon his Oath in
 Common form as Witness my hand - - Robert & Henley
 his mark -

Memorandum that Thomas Somax one of the Witnesses to the
 within written Will came before me this 18th day of March anno
 Domini 1674 and proved the said Will upon his Oath in Common
 form as witness my hand Robert & Henley
 his mark -

Memorandum that Alice Walker the Exec^{tr} mentioned in the
 within written Will came before me this 18th day of March anno
 Domini 1674. and took her Oath as the Exec^{tr}. of the within
 named Testator in Common form as Witness my hand
 Robert & Henley -
 his mark -

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Die Martis 13^o Aprilis
 Came Thomas Dent of St Marys County Gentl. and gave the
 Judge here to understand and be informed that William Dutton
 Merchant in his Voyage from England unto this Province
 fell Sick and shortly after his arrivall into Saluxent River died
 at the house of Richard Reeve in Saluxent. That afore he died
 he declared his Will in these words or to this Effect before Capt^t.
 Leonard Webber the Commander of the Ship Golden Syon
 in which the said Dutton came from England viz^t -
 This is what Mr. Dutton Declared to me how he would have his
 Estate disposed Declared Tuesday the 21st Day of March 1674. viz^t
 That what he had he designed for a Sister of his and two Nieces and
 for distinction what Nieces they were because he had more
 than three he told me thus that a brother of his and himself
 married two Sisters his own wife died and left him no
 Children, his Brothers Wife dyed and left his Brother
 two Daughters, these two were the Nieces were to go Shares
 with his Sister in what Estate he had. Secondly that Mr.
 Masters his Kinsmans Wife that came in the said Ship
 should be paid out of his said Estate the sum of Seventy
 Pounds he having Received but Sixty pounds of his said
 Kinsman but willed that his wife should have paid to her
 out of the proceeds of his Goods the above sum of 70 Sterling

(and)

Lib. P. C. N. C. and what ever was found belonging belonging to himself in Coats. Goods p Bill of Lading or otherwise should be put into the hands of Thomas Dent in St. Mary's and he to give account thereof unto Mr. Edwards Esq. of London Merchant for the uses above said.

420. Mr. William Ditton did Declare this to be his Will as to his Estate. the 21th of March and formerly he being of a sound mind and perfect memory to the truth whereof I shall at any time attest as I saw and shall require Leonard Webber

April 12th 1675. Capt. Leonard Webber made Oath to this nuncupative Will of William Ditton - this 5th day of May 1675. Philip Calvert =

Whereupon the Judge Ordered that Thomas Dent of St. should have Letters of adm^{con} to him granted of the Goods and Chattells of the said deceased to the use and behoof of the Sister and Neeces of the said Deceased Ditton he the said Dent taking the Oath of adm^{con} and giving Security in 60000^{ls} Tobacco and further Ordered that George Machall and William Hatton be app^{rs} of the said Goods and Chattells not Contained in the Invoice and Bills of Lading and that Henry St. de Gents. do Swear them, and as to the Goods now brought in and Contained in his Invoice and bills of Lading the Judge here Ordered that they should be put unto the Inventory according to the prices they were there rated which said Letters of adm^{con} Warr^{ts} to app^{rs} and to Swear them passed the Seal Immediately

434. Die Veneris Ultimo Aprilis, Eodem Die. Came Diana James of St. Mary's County and Exhibited the Last Will and Testament of a bell James - Late of the said County Deceased Requesting to have the same to be proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereunto Whereupon William Kennedy and John Powell being Called and sworn upon the holy Evangelists to sayth that they were present at the signing sealing and publishing of the same by the said Deceased and that at the signing sealing and publishing thereof he was of a sound disposing mind with an Intent to make as his Last Will and Testament the writing now shewed un to -

(them)

Lib. P. C. N. C. them which followeth in these words. Videlicet

Maryland 24th March 1674

Abell James of St. Mary's County in the Province of Maryland being Sick and weak of body but of good and perfect memory blessed be God do make and constitute this his Last Will and Testament first I bequeath my Soul to God almighty who gave it and my Body to be buried at the Discretion of my Executors And for that portion of worldly good - whereof God in his Mercy has been pleased to make me steward. I bequeath in manner and form following Videlicet my Just Debts - being first satisfied all other my Good Chattells and Debts Due and Demands belonging to me I give and bequeath to my loving wife Diana James and my son Charles James Dules Will that Desire is that my Man Charles Mills have a new large eduite Shoes and Stockings and do make and constitute my said wife & son Executors of this my Last Will and Testament And my Loving friend Patrick Horrest to be her Assistant and by this do disannull all former Wills or Testaments whatsoever and only Own this for my Last Will and Testament as Witness my hand and Seal Day and Year above written

Abell A James
his mark
John P Powell
his mark
his mark

436.

Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said Testament well made and sufficiently proved and Ordered Letters Testamentary to the said Diana James the widow of the said Deceased and Exec^{tr} in his will named to be granted she the said Diana James taking the Oath of Exec^{tr} in Common form and the said Exec^{tr} took the usual Oath immediately and Letters Testamentary issued under the Seal immediately together with warrants to Patrick Horrest and William Kennedy to appraise the Goods and Chattells of the said Deceased and to Thomas Dent Gents to Swear them Invented in 3 months.

Die Saturni Primo Maij 1675
Came Mary Oron the widow of Glory Oron Late of Talbot County deceased and Exhibited the Last Will and Testament of the said Oron Requesting to have the same to be proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereunto Whereupon Robert Tenkenfson and John Cox being Called and sworn upon the

(Holy)