

354) 1675
 11013 Bodem Dns (Ame Richard Woolman of Salbot County) Gent. in
 the return of the last will and Testament of Elizabeth Abraham's Sale of
 the said County doct with the probate thereon which ordered to be recorded
 and followeth in these words vizt. May 11 1675
 Elizabeth Abraham's being sick in body and being sensible of the death of
 Lord to all to remember the unvarnished Estate of his transitory life and
 that all such must yield unto death when it shall please God to take
 constitute Ordain and declare this my last will and Testament in manner
 and form following Revoking and annulling by these presents all and
 every testament and Testament and none other. And first I commend my
 soul and spirit to the Almighty God from whom I received it and my body to
 be buried in decent and Christianlike manner where my Executors
 hereafter named shall think meet And for the selling of my temporal Estate
 and such goods as I shall please to bestow upon my dear wife and Son
 followeth after my debts be satisfied. In primis I give unto William
 Southby one heifer of the year old I also give and do give to my daughter
 Margaret Southby my gray mare brings I also give
 and do give that William Southby and I have one year old
 heifer of the year old I also give and bequeath unto my son Jacob
 Abraham's the best feather bed which can be found appears I also do give and
 bequeath unto my daughter Mary Abraham's the next best feather bed
 I also do give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Southby two powder dishes which
 was her father's and the rest of my Estate to be equally divided between
 my three children Jacob Abraham's Mary Abraham's and Elizabeth Southby
 my dear wife and I and by these presents do constitute make Ordain and
 appoint my loving friends Bryan O'maly and Thomas Taylor to be
 my whole and sole Executors to manage manage Order and dispose of
 the said Estate to the good and use of my children I will that my Executors
 take an inventory of my Estate and if any difference should arise as
 touching the division between my said Executors or any other and can not
 be ended by the said Executors I will that that it be referred to the body of
 friends and their judgment shall be as authentic as if I were personally
 amongst them. So I Give and Seal this 11th day of May 1675
 Elizabeth Abraham's
 Mark Seals

75) signed before delivered in the presence
 with us
 his Mark
 Margaret X Lodge
 his Mark
 And on the back of the will was thus written vizt
 William Allen and Margaret Lodge take their Oaths before me this
 first day of July to the Probate of this will of Elizabeth Abraham's 1675
 These are to certify unto his Lordships Office for Probate of Wills & granting
 of Admors that according to provision made directed I have taken the Oaths
 of William Allen and Margaret Lodge to the Probate of Elizabeth Abraham's will
 and have likewise taken the Oaths of Richard Roytoun and Thomas
 Vaughan for the true appraisement of the said Estate according to his
 Lord's Orders to which my hand & seal this first day of July 1675
 Richard Roytoun
 Thomas Vaughan
 The March of
 William M. Jones

76) Came Richard Woolman of Salbot County Gent and made return
 of the last will and Testament of Robert Harwood Sale of the County
 deceased with the probate thereon which ordered to be recorded and
 followeth in these words vizt
 Robert Harwood being sick in body and being sensible of the death of
 perfect sense and memory do make my last will and Testament
 in manner and form as followeth In primis I bequeath unto my
 beloved wife the best feather bed and the best silverware thereunto
 belonging and the rest of my drawers and the Furniture the Negro
 woman and her own Dapung Mare 24 I bequeath unto every one of my children
 one feather bed a piece of such furniture as belongeth unto them and each of
 them a sword and I do also give unto my wife the house and the land
 with that after all my debts being paid the remainder of my Estate to be equally
 divided among my wife and children & it is my will that the plantation of
 my wife on the land be as long as she liveth & it is my will that the
 land be sold to the best advantage towards the paying
 of my debts and I do also give unto my son Peter Harwood two hundred acres
 of land in Richalaw winning upon Roebatham and it is my will that if
 William Southby cannot win the good the land to my Estate that he should return
 the pay in kind. It is also my will that Thomas Taylor William Reeves and
 John Sumner be my Executors and do act as if I were personally present As
 witness my hand and seal this 27th of May 1675 And I do give unto John Harwood
 the three year old mare which is due from both Edmundson
 his Mark
 Robert R Harwood
 his Mark Seals

77) Came Vincent Lowe high Sheriff of Salbot County and made return of the last will
 and Testament of Richard Bridges Sale of the said County deceased with the probate
 thereon which Testament followeth in these words vizt
 In the Name of God Amen The last will and Testament of Richard
 Bridges Sale of Salbot County aged forty seven years or thereabouts being sick &
 weak in body but perfect in memory First I bequeath my soul to God All-
 mighty and my body to the grave to be laid where my friends will think
 good to be after And for the rest of my Estate I leave to my wife Mary Bridges all
 my land lying her life time at her own disposal and after death that my
 land in Harry Creek may fall to my son Thomas and my land in my land out
 for five hundred acres and called by the name of Diverett to my other three sons
 to be equally share alike for them and their heirs forever and that my second
 son Richard may have the first share and all the rest my Estate only two small
 horse I leave one small horse to my wife Mary Bridges her life time at her
 own disposal and after her death to be equally divided between my sons
 and daughters And my Mare I leave to my son Richard with all her young
 only that first foal to my son Thomas after one year sucking As witness
 my hand and seal this 30th day of March in the year of our Lord God 1675
 Richard Bridges
 The March of
 William M. Jones

78) By virtue of a commission directed to me from the Honble Philip Calvert Esq
 the Judge and Chief Justice of the said County for Probate of Wills and granting of Letters
 of Admors I have taken the Oath of Richard Bridges to which with in
 presence at and have also administered the Oath of an Oath unto the within
 named Mary Bridges to the Substitution given the witness my hand and
 seal this 30th day of September with in the year of the Dominion
 of Charles the 2d Anno Domini 1675
 Vincent Lowe Seals
 (Whereupon)

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I do certify that my two Grand Children may have either of them
 aforesaid if any falls this next year
 Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said Testament well made &
 sufficiently proved and in regard that the said deceased appointed no
 Executor or Exor in his said will, ordered that the said Testament be
 done of the goods Chattels and debts of the said deceased being dead as
 intestate and that commission issue to Tobias Norton Gent to take bond
 of the said Susanah with sufficient surety in double the value of
 the estate of the said deceased the said Susanah taking the Oath of an
 in Commission and the said Don took the usual Oath immediately
 and letters of Admin^{on} and letters of Admin^{on} with the will annexed sh^{all}
 to take bond with Wm^o to James Brownson and Peter Archer to ap
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 to swear the said funds under the seal of this Court immediately sub^{scri}ed in 3 Months

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Liberty 13 of May 1670
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Gentle deceased and Exhibited the last will and testament of the said Henry Requesting to have the same by the Oaths of the witnesses George Dumas and John Pollart here present in Court to be proved to be the last will and testament of the said Henry being sworn upon the Holy Evangelists say that they did see the said Henry sign seal and publish the paper now with them into their own hands last will and testament and that he was at that time of sound disposing mind and Testament followeth in these words vizt

In the Name of God Amen this 29th of October 1670 Henry Hyde being sick and weak of Body but of good and perfect memory praise be to God do make and constitute this my last will and testament in manner & form following vizt I give my soul to God my Creator & my body to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named And for that portion of worldly goods of which I hath pleased God of His Mercy to make me Stewart I bequeath the same as followeth Vizt to my daughter Anna Hyde One shilling and a half of a year and half to be the gift of John and Joan Washhope her grand father and grand mother Secondly to my daughter Margaret Hyde One shilling and a half for providing for the gift of Anne Forrest her lady Mother thirdly by my son Robert Hyde my sole heir And my loving wife Francis Hyde sole executrix of this my last will and testament and for her and her heirs and assigns of this my Estate for the term of years to be enjoyed for life with as much freedom as it was my self in my lifetime and with the same my very good friends vizt Thomas Dent and my father vizt Washhope and my brother Thomas Hatton to be assistant to my said wife in their advice and Council as need shall require And do hereby bequeath all my moveables what bever and duty own this present for my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal day for day above written

Witness George Dumas
John Pollart
As March

Henry Hyde Test

Whereupon the Judge look into Consideration the words in the third clause of the Testament vizt My wife Francis Hyde my sole executrix of this my last will and testament and pronounced that since she was appointed by the Testator in the will to possess and maintain all the lands to be bequeathed by the Testamentary thought the Testator intended the same and directed her to be sole executrix and therefore ordered her to take the oath of Exchequer and that they Letters Testamentary should be granted her to hereupon she took the usual Oath And the Judge here appointed William Hatton and George Washhope to be Appraisors and Thomas Dent Gentle to swear them to her upon Letters Testamentary if used under the seal of this Court immediately

Attest Richard Hill 3 months

Die Salomon 13 November
(115) Corandie

Came Capt Richard Hill of Ann Dorward County and made return of the last will and testament of John Edwards late of the said County deceased to with the probate thereon which followeth in these words vizt I John Edwards being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory God be praised do here make and ordain my last will and testament as followeth I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Francis all my Estate both Real and personal of what kind or condition whosoever shall in this province of Maryland or Elsewhere And do make and ordain my said wife to be my sole executrix of this my will In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th

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Liberty 13 of May 1670
(116) Sealed and delivered in the presence of

John Edwards
Signature

Samuel Withers Robert Lewis and on the back of the said will was thus written vizt By virtue of a commission to me directed bearing date the 10th of September Anno domini 1670 from the Honorable Philip Calvert Esq. Chief Justice of the Gen. Court Probate of wills and granting authority to me and to the said John Withers to be present at the writing signing and sealing of this within written will who declared they saw the said Samuel Withers write the said will as also the Testator John Edwards sign seal and publish the same and saw the witnesses to the said will put their hands as witnesses thereto as also our self being the witnesses were both dead having severally of Mr. Samuel Withers his writings in my hands have compared them together and find them exactly agree in to witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of November 1670

(117) Corandie

Came Capt Richard Hill of Ann Dorward County and made return of the last will and testament of William Redde late of the said County deceased to with the probate thereon which ordered to be recorded to followeth in these words vizt It should please the said Court to will draw this Oath so that his deathly bed should be laid in the dust his will be done praises be unto him forever Amen Then this my last will and testament in form is given and bequeathed unto my loving wife Francis all my lands both Real and personal which at that time I do and I make her my sole executrix and sole executrix of this my will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of November 1670

Witness John M. Merce

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Maragret Merser and on the back of the said will was thus written vizt By virtue of a commission to me directed bearing date the 10th of Sept. 1670 from the Honorable Philip Calvert Esq. Chief Justice of the Gen. Court Probate of wills and granting authority to me and to the said John Withers to be present at the writing signing and sealing of this within written will who declared they saw the said Maragret Merser write the said will as also the Testator William Redde sign seal and publish the same and saw the witnesses to the said will put their hands as witnesses thereto as also our self being the witnesses were both dead having severally of Mr. Samuel Withers his writings in my hands have compared them together and find them exactly agree in to witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of November 1670

(119) Corandie

Major William Burge on behalf of Maudslane Melthwick the Relict & Executrix of Edward Townshill late of Ann Dorward County deceased & Exhibited the last will and testament of the said Edward bearing date the 6th day of April 1667 witnessed by John Brewer and Elizabeth Brock both of Ann Dorward County since deceased under which will is written vizt Probate of Maudslane Melthwick the Relict and Executrix of the dead I do testify upon Oath of Mr. John Brewer that the last will and testament of Edward Townshill the 10th of May 1668 in Court filed upon record the 10th of May 1668 is mine & that I have sworn to it And the said Burge also declared that in those times of distraction this was deemed a good proceeding in such cases and therefore on behalf of the said Burge prayed that this attestation of the same might be so written as a good proof of the said Testament the witnesses thereto being long since deceased and the sons of the said deceased being in danger to lose the said Testament and the said Burge by Letters Testamentary be empowered to sit for their Rights which he doth

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handed by Richard Woodward who married one of the daughters of the said Burge which Testament is set in these words vizt In the Name of God Amen I Edmund Fox being being sick in Body but of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following in primis For my loving wife Francis all my lands both Real and personal which at that time I do and I make her my sole executrix of this my will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of November 1670

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And the said Burge also declared that in those times of distraction this was deemed a good proceeding in such cases and therefore on behalf of the said Burge prayed that this attestation of the same might be so written as a good proof of the said Testament the witnesses thereto being long since deceased and the sons of the said deceased being in danger to lose the said Testament and the said Burge by Letters Testamentary be empowered to sit for their Rights which he doth

(And)

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Walker of Somerset County Gent. the which Thomas Walker, I do hereby
make my Absolute and Sole Executor. In witness whereof that this is my last
will and testament, I do hereunto put my hand and fix my seal this day and
year above said.

Signed and sealed in the presence of

William W M Morgan. (Scots
Mark)

George Hart put it down the back of the Fiddlers thus written viz

*The virtue of a good friend undevoted by the Suggard Conifery for "in
terminatory Justice the worthier written work of Wm. Mearns for the 31st
day of August 1863; By the Baths of Don Beauchamp and Geo. Hart put in
concordance with previous law."*

Wm. Stevens

By virtue of coming into the woods by the Indians and Com^{rs} in
testamentary: & I do so have taken the Bales of Wm Plains and Cha^s
Hall app^{rs} of points of the Woods and Cattle of Wm Morgan & of
Ben^{ts} & others: & I do so make a true and just app^{rs}ment to do for the
the said Com^{rs} to their right or knowledge: this done in common with the
3^d day of Oct. out to the Substrum: which I have put to my hand & seal

William Stevens
well County Genl and made a return of
ones Latt of Robertsore County and
their horses words but.

Now ye all count on people to whom
faith Thomas Jones of Baltimore County
is being sick and weak of body but
set to the almighty for it and knowing
that all men are mortal have

to make this my last will and
trust my body to the earth from whence
hoping that through the merits of
Christ that I shall one day be with
the Father in his heavenly kingdom.

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and first to the Male and if no further issue
at then the said Sam. shall return unto
the body begotten but if she have none

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bequeath unto Sarah Gray my dear
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decease if she have children either
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her sister Jane Gray and to her he
that it shall return to her brother
named Gray as long as there is a
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Matthias Svenson One black
Horn and wile and bequeath unto

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Liberty No 13
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Same place with the low bellied under mackerel. I'll stay here till the first of May the first to be your time
 after my decease upon demand. To tachmical pray I give one Ester Matt and one Silver
 that said and all my dependers tools. I am lastly my wishes that all such debts that I
 do owe in right and wrong be set paid and satisfied to all persons that can make
 the best of it. I pray my dear brother more to be in the way of God in his way my
 very loving friend to be in the way of God and his brother to be this my last testament
 perfected in every part and in the utmost of his power and lastly my will is that
 my said God I can pray pay my said debts and receive all debts and give
 bonds and about the same is made in the name of God to be spent upon my family
 and I leave ten foot boat and sail to be left to and conveyed to the same and he to be
 me living in decent manner and to be for the performance of what I have here
 said. I am your brother and friend.

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My house and eat the fourth day of August also from the house of the witness.
 Seventy and two Thomas Jones Seal
 believe in the presence of us and on the back of the said to it was the written vixt
 Malinas Breckenlon To the Honble Philip (Albert East. These may be made
 Malinas A. Foster with J. C. Hous. that the 24th day of Nov. 1869 Malinas
 and J. C. Hous. that the 24th day of Nov. 1869 Malinas

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And that it is the last that they do know of what is my hand and call the day
of the year 1793

and year above mentioned. ^{Not to write} ^{years}
to take up on record that John Year ^{with his wife} have later
taken a wife, which is true, and also paid the Sealers' money.
Joseph Hopkins of said County paid the proof of the last will
of said Year, and the same is now on file of the said County, and by virtue
of said will, said Year's estate is now in the hands of said County.

for the purpose of the said ^{con}gregation to hunt the said Hopkins directed out of this Court be having dealt & taken his last past And with in the said that John Vanheer the Overseeur in the said Court named also to wit the ^{cons} of the goods and (Bastels of the said Court Nowell during the minority of the Estate of the said dead was hired dead for that good not take care the said Vanheer as by the said Congregation.

[illegible]

I Thomas Howell of Cecil
 county in the Province of Maryland being
 of sound mind and perfecting and in
 full possession of my last will and testam
 ent do hereby certify that I have paid
 the said debt of the said Thomas Howell
 to the said John Howell my debt be

and Equally to be divided between my two sons
working plantation so long as the plantation
shall last and the plantation that I now
own (and later by the name of Beckett's Third of
June all that tract of land which is all between the

fore said and called Oath
 ion and the land which was formerly God's in-
 vention in the possession of John Owen at the head of Sand Spring
 unto my sons and their heirs and assigns forever. But if it please God that
 any of my sons shall die without issue it is my will that the said portion
 of my sons the said John's wife and her Brother's wife that both my sons should

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy.

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(Per)

(In)

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(184)

unto his son Robert Markline Jun^r my dutch cassack, fup and dram
cup and if in case his father my said son should die and to school
then my will is that he have one thousand pounds of tobacco out of my estate
towards the same if not then nothing, but the case and caps hand gave and
bequeath unto his son Robert Markline Jun^r one hundred and one black
pillowcases in hand gave and bequeath unto his son Robert Markline my
looking glass of your white, silver and gold and one black leather hood
and one pair of gloves hand gave and bequeath unto my loving friend
Mr. John Weeks and Mr. John Hinson gentle both of that County my best
Coster Matt to Mr. John Hinson and one new Casack hat unto Mr. Joseph
Weeks as good as I can buy when I do nominate and appoint by this
my last will and testament. I bequeath there unto my will is that that
Sol. Markline bequeath upon my estate from time to time to be shipped of proxy
of London unto Matthew Francis Tobacquist at the place of either by
ballie or street for sales and the effects to be sent unto my Mother I do also
Impower my executors to make sales of what I have in the province
to be written as follows

John Rodaway

signed & made in the presence of us Richard Abraham
Ralph Blackhall

(185)

Whereupon ordered that the said Joseph Weeks and John Hinson
have letters testametary and adm^r of the goods & chattels of the deceased
and that one of them to Mr. Bursey and Thomas Hinson joint or either
of them to prove the said last will and testament of the said deceased by the
Oaths of the witnesses thereto and to administer the Oath of Exc^r unto
the said Joseph Weeks and John Hinson according to the form thereto
 annexed and that Ralph Blackhall and James Barham be app^r of the
goods and chattels of the said deceased and that the said Mr. Bursey and
Hinson or either of them do swear the usual oath testametary joint
to prove the said will to wit to app^r to the Court under the seal of this
Court immediately I have it Red in 3 Months

Ex. dunt 3 January
(191) Richard

(196)

Cam^r Capt John Heath of Calvert County and Steward to the Judges
that Richard Adams late of the said County died in his last will and
testametary will to wit he bequeathed all that he had to him that
should bequeath few Segments he bequeathed to some persons & there
prays that his son if new to Richard Adams Gent to prove the said man
partive will by the Oaths of the witnesses thereto which will followeth
in these words to wit: Richard Adams late of the County above said planter
deceased made a nuncupative will in his words following to wit
that he gave all the estate which he had to his son John Heath only
his son to Capt Richard Adams he bequeathed of sent to Robert Dickson & one
his wife James Holman the witnesses Robert Dickson Esq^r & one
and one Carpenter Whereupon ordered that the said John Heath
have letters testametary and adm^r of the goods and chattels of the
said deceased and that one of them to Mr. Adams and Mr. Davis be app^r of the
goods and chattels of the said deceased and that the said Adams &
swear the usual oath testametary joint to prove the said
nuncupative will to wit to app^r to the Court under the seal of
this Court immediately I have it Red in 3 Months

and sworn 25
Jan^y 1711

James

Lib. N^o 118
(199)
Ex. dunt 17

(200)

Came Thomas Griffin of Marys County and Steward to the Judges here that
Thomas Hunt late of the said County died in his last will and
testametary will in presence of Thomas Bayle and Joseph Ely and pray
that their depositions may be taken on their Oaths touching the last words
declared by the said Hunt to wit upon the said Thomas Bayle and Joseph Ely
being called and sworn on the holy Evangelists and in the presence of the witnesses
what the said Hunt pronounced in his last will and testament in these words to wit
I have it Red in 3 Months to wit
The said Bayle aged about 24 years being sworn on the holy Evangelists said
that on the 24th of December last Thomas Hunt told to George Harlessworth
desired that Mr. Winsmore should be sent for to write his will to wit to wit
deponent went for the said Winsmore but did not find him at home and to the said
Thomas Hunt of it that the said Winsmore was not at home whereupon the said
Hunt was willing to make a certain will and the deponent asked him to whom he
intended to give what he had and the said Hunt replied to him that he would take
care after my burial and the deponent asked him who should the same
person be and he answered Thomas Griffin should enjoy all and leave the care
after his burial and the deponent further said to wit Thomas Bayle
Joseph Ely aged about 28 years being sworn on the holy Evangelists said
that on the 24th of December last Thomas Hunt told to George Harlessworth
desired that Mr. Winsmore should be sent for to write his will to wit to wit
desired that the said on (law then present to send for the said Winsmore but the law
neglected to do in the mean time Thomas Bayle came in and he forth with went
for the said Winsmore and did not find him at home whereupon the said Hunt
asked the deponent whether or no he had a sheet for him he told him no and the
deponent asked him to whom he intended to leave to that he had and he replied to
Thomas Griffin and further said to wit Joseph & Ely his Mark
Whereupon the judges pronounced the said nuncupative will well made and
sufficiently proved and in regard the said Hunt ordered by his said nuncupative
will to wit the said Thomas Griffin to be his executor and to wit to wit to wit
to wit the said Thomas Griffin desired him to be of his said nuncupative will
and to him ordered to be granted to wit to wit to wit to wit to wit to wit to wit to wit
he said immediately I have it Red in 3 Months

(201)
Ex. dunt 17 January

Came Francis Lucas of Marys County the widow of William Lucas late
of the said County died and exhibited the last will and testament of her said deceased
husband and praying to have the same to be proved by the Oaths of the witnesses
thereto to wit by the Judges here to be approped whereupon Thomas Bayle
one of the witnesses to the said will being called and sworn on the holy Evangelists
proved the said will as more at large upon the back of the said will both approped
which will followeth in these words to wit
In the name of God Amen I William Lucas of Marys County in the County
of Maryland Gent being in a weak condition of Body but of a perfect memory
I have bequeathed to my only child God and calling to mind the uncertain state of this
transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto death when I shall please God
to call I do make constitute ordain and declare this my last will and testament in
maner and form following Revoking and annulling by these presents all and
every last will and testament 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 In witness whereof I make constitute ordain and appoint my trusty &
dearly beloved wife Francis Lucas my only Exec^r Item I give & bequeath
to my said wife I give all my goods and chattels and all about me and I have
of tobacco that is due unto me by any person or persons what I have of my wife
and bequeath unto my said Exec^r to give and to sell my soul unto
shall be no less of 40 and twenty years and I do also Impower my said
Exec^r

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unto his son Robert Mark line Jun^r my deatch cass look up and draw
up and if in case his father my said deatch send him for dig and to shooch
then my will is that he have out thousand pounds of tobacco out of my estate
towards the same if not then nothing, but the case and cups stand give and
bequeath unto his son Robert Mark line Jun^r and one small gold ring and one small bracelet
put wearing in his hand give and bequeath unto his son Robert Mark line my
soning said cappon white horse and hood and one black horse hood
and one pair of gloves hand give and bequeath unto my loving friend
Mr. Joseph Weeks and Mr. John Hinson gentle both of that County my best
Caretaker to Mr. John Hinson and one new Cashe hatt unto Mr. Joseph
Weeks as good as I can buy when I do nominate and appoint by this
my last will and testament. I bequeath there unto my will is that what
John Mark beared upon my estate from time to time to be shipped of privacy
of London unto William Francis Tobagoquist at the place of Father by
local line street for sales and the effects to be sent unto my Mother I do also
I empower my said deatch to make sales of what I have in the province
to be written as follows

John Rodaway

signed & made in the presence of us
Richard Blakhall
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Whereupon ordered that the said Joseph Weeks and John Hinson
have letters testamentary and admⁿ of the goods & chattels of the deceased
and that they give to William Francis and Thomas Hinson joint or either
of them to prove the said last will and testament of the said deatch by the
Oaths of the witnesses thereunto and to administer by the Oath of Exce^{or} unto
the said Joseph Weeks and John Hinson according to the form thereunto
come and that Ralph Blakhall and James Barkins be app^{rs} of the
Goods and Chattels of the said deceased and that the said William Francis and
Hinson or either of them do swear the usual letters testamentary joint
to prove the said will before to app^{rs} & to sign under the seal of this
Court immediately

Invent Res in 3 Months

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Cam^{pl} John de catch of Calvert County and shew to the Judges
that Richard Evans late of the said County deatch in his last will and
testamentary wrote before by he bequeathed all that he had to him (Richard)
Cobrecht only few seconds he bequeathed to some persons & therefor
prays that his son John give to Richard said deatch to prove the said man
relative to the Oaths of the witnesses then present which will follow with
in the words first. Richard Evans late of the said County and planter
deceased made a nuncupative will in the following words
that he gave all the estate which he had to his wife John Cobrecht only
his son to his wife Cobrecht and to his son Robert Dickson & one
daughter James Holman the witnesses Robert Dickson & one
daughter & one Carpenter Whereupon ordered that the said John Cobrecht
have letters testamentary and admⁿ of the goods & chattels of the
said deceased and that they give to Richard said deatch to prove
the said nuncupative will of the said deatch by the Oaths of the witnesses
then present and to administer unto him the said John Cobrecht by the
Oath of Exce^{or} and that William Francis and John Davis be app^{rs} of the
goods and Chattels of the said deceased and that the said deatch do
swear the usual letters testamentary joint to prove the said
nuncupative will before to app^{rs} & to sign under the seal of
this Court immediately

Invent Res in 3 Months

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Came Thomas Griffin of St Marys County and shew to the Judges
that the said County deatch that the said deatch in his last will and
testamentary wrote before by he bequeathed all that he had to him (Thomas)
Cobrecht only few seconds he bequeathed to some persons & therefor
prays that his son John give to Thomas said deatch to prove the said man
relative to the Oaths of the witnesses then present which will follow with
in the words first. Thomas Griffin late of the said County and planter
deceased made a nuncupative will in the following words
that he gave all the estate which he had to his wife John Cobrecht only
his son to his wife Cobrecht and to his son Robert Dickson & one
daughter James Holman the witnesses Robert Dickson & one
daughter & one Carpenter Whereupon ordered that the said John Cobrecht
have letters testamentary and admⁿ of the goods & chattels of the
said deceased and that they give to Thomas said deatch to prove
the said nuncupative will of the said deatch by the Oaths of the witnesses
then present and to administer unto him the said John Cobrecht by the
Oath of Exce^{or} and that William Francis and John Davis be app^{rs} of the
goods and Chattels of the said deceased and that the said deatch do
swear the usual letters testamentary joint to prove the said
nuncupative will before to app^{rs} & to sign under the seal of
this Court immediately

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Thomas Griffin of St Marys County and shew to the Judges
that the said County deatch that the said deatch in his last will and
testamentary wrote before by he bequeathed all that he had to him (Thomas)
Cobrecht only few seconds he bequeathed to some persons & therefor
prays that his son John give to Thomas said deatch to prove the said man
relative to the Oaths of the witnesses then present which will follow with
in the words first. Thomas Griffin late of the said County and planter
deceased made a nuncupative will in the following words
that he gave all the estate which he had to his wife John Cobrecht only
his son to his wife Cobrecht and to his son Robert Dickson & one
daughter James Holman the witnesses Robert Dickson & one
daughter & one Carpenter Whereupon ordered that the said John Cobrecht
have letters testamentary and admⁿ of the goods & chattels of the
said deceased and that they give to Thomas said deatch to prove
the said nuncupative will of the said deatch by the Oaths of the witnesses
then present and to administer unto him the said John Cobrecht by the
Oath of Exce^{or} and that William Francis and John Davis be app^{rs} of the
goods and Chattels of the said deceased and that the said deatch do
swear the usual letters testamentary joint to prove the said
nuncupative will before to app^{rs} & to sign under the seal of
this Court immediately

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Cam^{pl} Thomas Lucas of St Marys County the widow of William Lucas late
of the said County deatch and exhibited the last will and testament of her said
husband requesting to have the same to be proved by the Oaths of the witnesses
then present and to administer unto him the said deatch by the Oaths of the witnesses
then present which will follow with in the words first. Thomas Lucas late of the
said County and planter deceased made a nuncupative will in the following words
that he gave all the estate which he had to his wife John Cobrecht only
his son to his wife Cobrecht and to his son Robert Dickson & one
daughter James Holman the witnesses Robert Dickson & one
daughter & one Carpenter Whereupon ordered that the said John Cobrecht
have letters testamentary and admⁿ of the goods & chattels of the
said deceased and that they give to Thomas said deatch to prove
the said nuncupative will of the said deatch by the Oaths of the witnesses
then present and to administer unto him the said John Cobrecht by the
Oath of Exce^{or} and that William Francis and John Davis be app^{rs} of the
goods and Chattels of the said deceased and that the said deatch do
swear the usual letters testamentary joint to prove the said
nuncupative will before to app^{rs} & to sign under the seal of
this Court immediately

Executors

1250

the 48th year of the Dominion of Cecilusko Anno Domini 1675
 signed sealed & delivered in the presence of Alex. Winsore
 (Cecilusko) signed sealed

p. Came Elizabeth Dela Roche of St Marys City the widow of Charles
 Dela Roche late of the said City of St Charles died and bequeathed the said
 will and testament of the said deceased Requesting to have the same to be
 proved by the Oaths of the witnesses hereunto and by the judges here
 to be approved Whom upon Nicholas Painter one of the judges to the said City
 being called and sworn on the holy Evangelists proved the same on the
 oath of the said late deceased appears to be true and lawful in this word
 to wit Mary land In the Name of God Amen I Charles Dela Roche
 of the City of St Marys in the province of Maryland Inhabitor being like in
 body but of perfect memory do make this my last will and testament in
 manner and form following In premises I give and bequeath unto my
 dear and loving wife Elizabeth all my goods Chattels moveables and choses
 kept them I give and bequeath unto my said wife fifty acres of land called
 Gallaway and one hundred and fifty acres of land called Paris lying in St
 Marys County Afo and all houses thereon erected and appurtenances there
 unto belonging to hold to her during her natural life and after her
 decease to hold unto my brother Peter Dela Roche and Mary Bute the wife
 of Peter Thier gear now living in bond on said the terms
 of forever And of the said Mary Bute be not living at the day of the payment
 of the said debt without issue then my will is that my said brother
 Peter have the said two parcels of Land to hold to him and his heirs for
 ever And I do hereby give and bequeath unto my said brother ^{heirs} all my
 wearing apparel both of linen and woollen and I do hereby revoke
 and make all former wills by me before this time made and do
 nominate and make my said wife Elizabeth executrix of this my last
 will and testament And to see the same performed according to the true
 intent and meaning thereof I in write the wheres I have here unto
 set my hand and seal the 16th day of December in the 6th year of the
 Dominion of Charles the Anno of our 1678. Charles Dela Roche late

Charles de la Roche (Scribe)

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Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said testator well minded and sufficiently proved and ordered Setters testamentary administration of the good and lawfull of the said deceased to the said Elizabeth De la Roche & it in the said will waited to be granted the taking the Oath of Executor in conformity with the said Decree he immediately took and the said Setters testamentary will was read to Walter Hall and George both swearing gentle to approve the good & lawfull of the said deed being sworn thereto by the Judges grace I find and enter the seal of this Court immediately
 Michael Rufford Esq. Clerk
 Given at Westm. 3^d Months

1215

1280

8000

666 P. 11¹³ Executrix to confirm the sale of a piece of land which I have sold to Henry
Hyde he paying her the balance for it. Item I do and desire of us that my
said Executrix pay before my Children come to Age of well and twenty years
Richard Attwood and William Mayport to be their Overseers. This is my last
will and testament as witness my hand and seal this 30th day of Nov^r in
the 45th year of the reign of my said late Majesty King James the first.
Signed sealed & done in the presence of other witnesses. P. 11¹³ p. 11¹³ sealed

Will. Shus. Sealed

Thomas O Baile

his Mark And On the back of the said bill was thus written
(vizd) Thomas Bayle made Oath that he saw W^m Lucas Seal publish
as his last Will and Testament being then of a sound disposing mind
Sworn before me this 12th day of January 1735 Ralph Abbott
Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said last will and testament
proved and ordered Letters Testamentary to be granted to Lucas as in the
said bill named to be granted the taking of the Oath of Read which the Do
Ecourbe immediately took and Setten Testamentary with Wm^{ble}
Thomas Bayle and Benjamin Perkins sworn app^{ts} by the Judge
here to appear and the Go^d said (Patent) of the said deed is under
the Seal of this Court immediately Invent Red in 8 Months

Die Sonntag 22. January
1600. die — — —

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Came Elizabeth Dele Roche of St Marys (the the widow of Charles
 dela Roche late of the said City of Inghilterre deceased and Elizabeth Roches
 wife and executrix of the said deceased Requesting to have the same to be
 proved by the Oaths of the witnesses hereunto and by the Judges here
 to be approved Whom upon Nicholas Jauiter one of the Justices of the King
 being called and sworn on the holy Evangelists proved the same as on the
 back of the said will more at large appears w^{ch} Testam^t followeth in these word^s
 I Mary laide In the NAME of God Amen I Charles dela Roche
 of the City of St Marys in the province of Maryland Inghilterre being like in
 body but of perfect memory do make this my last will & testament in
 manner and to this following In p^resence of my Scribe and bequeath unto my
 dear and loving wife Elizabeth all my goods (Patteⁿts moveables & household
 stuff Item S^{er}vice and debts unto my said wife fifty acres of land called
 Gallows and Inghildwood and fifty acres of land called Foxbury lying in St
 Marys County Afo^r and all howsoever therein erected and Appurtenances there
 unto belonging to hold to her during her Natural life and after her
 decease to my loving brother Peter dela Roche and Mary Butch the wife
 of Peter during her now living in Solid and th^{er} heirs
 for ever And if the said Mary Butch be not living at the day of the date here
 of for that she is without issue then my will is that my said brother
 Peter have the said two parcels of Land to hold to him and his heirs for
 ever And I do hereby give and bequeath unto my said brother all my
 wearing apparell both Linen and woollen And I do hereby give
 and bequeath all former wills by me before this true will made and do
 nominate and make my said wife Elizabeth executrix of this my last
 will and testament and to see the same performed according to the true
 Intent and meaning thereof IN WITNES^S WHEREOF I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal the 16th day of December in the 4th year of the
 Dominion of Charles the second our 1675.

67^s Charles de la Roche (Santo)

Ni. Painter
In Subj. & And on the back of the said will was thus written vizt
I Marry 22nd January 1675 Nicholas Painter one of the witnesses to the within
will made oath that the said Nicolas de la Roche him self believeth the will
to be authentic & that all the signing sealing & delivery of the same he was of

Lib. 210:3 a sound disposing mind with an intent to make it a his last will and testament
the day and year above said before me signed by one of the Judges testamentary

Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said testament valid and sufficiently proved and ordered the said letters testamentary and copy of the goods and chattels of the said decedent to the said Executors both de la Roche & in the said will wanted to be granted. The taking the oath of Executor in conformity with the said Decreeing him directly took and the said Letters testamentary up with wayes to Walter Hall and Garcelo de Sueringen gentl^e to appraise the goods & chattels of the said deced being sworn there unto by the Judges as here I find and on the Seal of his Court unimpaired by
Judas & Pet^r in 3 Months

Index & Ref. in 3 Months

(213)
- 16 Jours 27
: Janvier

Caroline Bigger of Calvert County the widow of John Bigger wife of this County deceased and Eliza the last will and testament of the said deceased - Requesting leave the same to be proved by the Oaths of the witness for the records and by the Judge here to be approved whereupon James Kenyon being sworn upon the holy Evangelists proved the same on the back of the said will as a true copy appears which will followeth in these words vizt

(214)

In the name of God Amen This twelfth day of November One thousand
hundred Seventy and six I John Bigger of the river of Spawing and the County of
Salvatoe planter being well advised and of sound understanding lawfully and
unconstrainedly of mine own free will and to the intent that my last will and
in manner and form following first I bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty
God my Creator his fully believing through the merits of Jesus Christ my
Saviour and Redeemer after this mortal life ended to enter into the Eternal joys
of Heaven utterly disclaiming and renouncing of my own will fully & wholly
depending upon the suffering of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer and my
Boyle to be eternally glorified among Exulting I shall think fit In premises I give and
bequeath unto my eldest son John Bigger three hundred Acres of land lying
in the Western branch of palmetto River and being with all things thereunto
belonging And also One Horse called Black Jack and One young Mare colt
belonging to the horse Mare the whole dividend of the said being taken by the
name of Rivers Grove Item I give and bequeath unto my son James
three hundred Acres of land lying in the Western branch of palmetto Riv. being part
of a dividend of land known by the name of Beals (said also One Mare colt being
my own horse of the colt of the horse Mare now two years old. Item I do give &
bequeath unto my son Walter Bigger the whole remainder of the dividend of
said land known by the name of Beals (said also being as aforesaid and also I do give
bequeath unto him One dividend of land known by the name of two good
I lay upon Charles branch as a bound up upon W (Christ) her bow his
said and also One Mare colt being two years old and being as aforesaid at
my plantation. Item I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary (said also
One dividend of land lying in palmetto River in the Western branch known
by the name of Muck shell Containing two hundred Acres with one young
Mare of two years old being at my plantation before and I give having a
Breed mark with 7 B I leave I do constitute and Ordain my wife Anne
Bigger to be my whole and sole Exor^r to see this my last will per-
formed and to pay all such debts as I do justly and of Right owe unto all
men and do leave and bequeath unto her all my other goods during the time of
my (said above named) shall come to lawfull age and then to give to every
One proportionably my moveables as among them Reserving to herself
One Mare proportionably And also this plantation whereupon I presently live
unto her during the term of the years and also One parcel of land lying in
frowns Creek Containing two hundred Acres unto her and to be at her disposal
for ever with all profits & commodities there unto belonging And for the present
restimony of the premises I have here unto put my hand And seal the day

1215

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1075
Contented, satisfied and paid good and lawful movable and immovable
that so ever I give and bequeath unto my loving wife and my only
son Thomas equally to be divided that each may have their proportion
hereby I certify my said wife my sole executrix but in case my wife
should not manage her Estate so as may improve the Embroing any part
of my Child interest in his proportion then I do desire my loving friends
Mr William Matten W. Ralfe. Hanson and Thomas deat jointly or
severally may be possessed with what is my Child's proportion and share of
for him as he comes to age and I do hereby request and appoint my said
friends before nominated to be overseers to see the benefit of mine of this my
will and intent herein named in my testament hereof to all the fore
mentioned misers I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and
year above written - And in case of my wife and Child's mortality I
give the whole to the longest survivor and if the said in his lifetime
take them all out of this life I then will and bequeath my said Estate &
all my said's revenues and estate real by what denomination to
cover it becomes mine unto the Children Mr Ralfe. Hanson and his
wife vizt James Johnson Richard Hanson Thomas Hanson for Sir
Hanson Barbara Hanson Elizabeth Hanson severally to be distributed
among overseers shall think the following party's of the said Children
shall enjoy my said Estate as before said Thomas Matten Sealed

(225)

Geo. Dundas
Du beveres to
George Dundas
1675
Abraham Roads, On the back of the said Will was thus written vizt
Du beveres to 1675 Abraham Roads, One of the witnesses to the within
Last will and testament of Thomas Matten deceased made oath that he
was present at the signing sealing and delivery of the same by the said
Testator and that at the signing sealing and delivery thereof he was of a
sound disposing mind with an intent to make it as his last will and tes-
tament before signed by said of the said testamentary Michael Rockford
George Dundas so it was told within last will and testament of Thomas
Matten deceased made oath that he was present at the signing sealing
delivery of the same by the said testator and that at the signing sealing
and delivery thereof he was of a sound disposing mind with an intent
to make it as his last will and testament before us

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Signed by said of the said testamentary Michael Rockford (the
whereupon the judges pronounced the said testament well made sufficiently
proved and ordered at the said Court Hanson have doings with the will
annexed to the sole use and behoof of Thomas Matten his during his
minority he taking first the oath of assent and giving bond with
solvency for his due and law therein to do the said and immediately took
and gave bond with William Harper his Swarty in 10000th £
the said said of assent with the will annexed with warts to Peter
Watts and John Hewell to appraise the goods and Chattels of the said said
and to Thomas deat Gentle to swear them signed under the seal of
this Court immediately

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Thomas deat of St Georges Hundred in the County of St Marys gent
and William Watts of the said Hundred and County Shilbites into the
Court the last will and testament of Robert Lager deceased and requested to be admitted to give their
testimony in proof of the said testament the life of man being ever
in danger & more especially now in these infectious times and the

(said)

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(226)
(227)

1675
said deat and Watts were admitted to give their testimony and made oath that they
were present when the testator Robert Lager signed sealed and delivered the said testament then
shewed unto them and to which they had subscribed their names as witnesses & Peter
Watts one of the executors in the said will named further requested to have Jonathan
Clark and Nathaniel Fisher admitted to make proof of two Legacies given by the testator
to Peter Watts and son to the said Watts and Mary his daughter by word only after the
sealing and publication of the written will and the judges ordered they should be admitted
to prove the said Legacies and the said Jonathan Clark and Nathaniel Fisher being sworn
upon the holy Evangelists said that the testator Robert Lager by word of mouth bequeathed
to Peter Watts and son two calves and to Mary Watts one Mare filly where
upon the said testament to be recorded and that this devise of two Calves & filly to Peter
Watts and Mary his son should be made to and taken as part of his last will
which testament forthwith in these words vizt

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Lager of St Marys County St Georges
hundred being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect memory being
willing to dispose of my Estate that God hath blessed me with do constitute
and appoint this to be my last will and testament in manner and form here
after following hereby revoking all former wills and testaments by me made
My prius I give my soul to God wholly relying upon the merits of Jesus Christ
on the promise for eternal life and salvation and my body to the Church from
whence it came to receive life and death burial as my best and last will and testament
I shall think convenient I leave all my whole Estate both real and personal moveable
and immovable said's revenues by what name or title so ever they are called or
any way appertain to be mine my debt being first well satisfied could not be paid
I do give and bequeath unto the inhabitants of St Georges and proper filly
hundred in the said County and to their successors and Successors for ever for
maintaining of a Protestant Minister from time to time as long as they
the inhabitants of the said Hundred or the Mayor part thereof shall approve a list
of for their Ministry and teachers the freeholders of the said two hundred
or the Mayor part thereof to elect and admit and approve such from time to time
to be their Minister and teachers and to do so to enjoy the benefit of my said
Estate thus ordered and given as above said And I do hereby constitute and ap-
point my trust and beloved friends Mr Francis Sowton and George Mackale
and Peter Watts to be my lawful Executors to see to the performance of this my will
they to nominate such after them as may see the carrying on or prosecuting
from time to time the intent of this my will And I do hereby have before written
in my last testament to hereof I have set to my hand and seal this 26 of Jan'y 1675

Witnesses
Wm deat
William Watts

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And on the back of the said Will was thus written vizt 1675
Thomas deat and William Watts witnesses to the within last will and testament
of Robert Lager deceased made oath that they were present when the said testator
signed sealed and delivered the same as his last will and testament and that then laws of
a sound disposing mind before us signed by said of the said testamentary
Michael Rockford

Jonathan Clark and Nathaniel Fisher being sworn on the holy Evangelists say that
the said testator by word of mouth bequeathed to Peter Watts and son two Calves &
two calves and to Mary Watts one Mare filly & further say not Jonathan Clark
I sworn 1675 before us
Philip Calvert
After which Francis Sowton one of the Executors in the said will named (and
Renowned to his right of adm^{con} of the goods and Chattels of the said deceased
which followeth in these words vizt
To the Hon^{ble} Philip Calvert Esq^r May it please yo^r Honor

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(Whereas)

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Whereas Robert Dyer of St Georges in the County of St Marys lately came
do in his last will and testament appoint me one of his Exors together
with Peter Watts and George Mackay to do these things humbly beseech
your Honor that having considered it I do renounce my part in the Exorship
and by this presents resign it up unto Peter Watts above named Given with
my hand this 17th day of February in the year of our Lord 1675

File Robert Dyer

231 Henry Williams After which the Judge took into consideration the Defendant
and its several parts and for what concerns the personal Estate which by
only and property in the Jurisdiction of this Court I Judge the last will
well made and ordered Charles Williams to be granted to Peter Watts Plaintiff
the said will and he taking the oath of Exor and the said
Peter Watts immediately took the oath of Exor accordingly but as to that part
of the last will relating to the Real Estate of the said Testator the Judge here
suspended his Judgment till it shall be made appear to him that the In-
habitants of St Georges and Poplar Hill have the Body Politick &
Capable of purchasing of Lands & Tenements and to have due provision
made for the maintenance of the said Testator and Francis Hill to ap-
praise the goods and Chattels of the said deceased and to Honor the De-
bts to whom the same were paid under the said will and to do in 3 months

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5th February

Was Exhibited the last will and testament of Richard Keen late of Patuxent
in Calvert County in the Province of Maryland deceased to wit the following
In the name of God Amen The first day of April in the fourth year
of the Dominion of Charles the first King of Great Brittain and in the year of our Lord God One
thousand six hundred seventy and two I Richard Keen of Patuxent River
in the County of Calvert in the Province of Maryland being in
good and perfect health and sound Memory Thanks be to the Almighty for
the same said being I devised this present year & voyage for the Kingdom
of England and the life of Man being uncertain and not knowing how
soon it may please God to call me unto Death have for the prevention
of all strifes and debates that may arise about my temporal Estate after
my decease have made Ordained and appointed this following to be my last will and testament hereby
revoking and annulling and making void all other wills or testaments by me heretofore made and do will that
this and no other be truly reputed for my last will and testament
In witness whereof I give unto God that gave it and my body to the Earth
from whence I came to be decently interred and to the will and desire
of my Exor hereafter named in such places as He shall think convenient
to appoint Secondly for my Temporal Estate which at half past five o'clock
to be paid unto my Exor I do give and bequeath the same in
whole and form following That is to say First unto my Dearest Son
Richard Keen bequeath that my plantation to wit the place now
called Richard's Marsh patented in Duke Gardens name containing
one hundred and twenty acres or thereabouts lying on the South side of the
River to him the said Richard his heirs and assigns for ever so long as he
shall live and houseing and building now upon the same or that shall be
upon the same at the day of my death Secondly I give unto my said
Son Richard five cows and five calves One Bull One horse and the
brown Mare with all her increase two white servants One Negro
Woman called Sarah the feather bed and furniture whereon I usually
lie and another bed and furniture standing in the chamber formerly
called the upper bed, the new bed and one doz of pewter

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plates One great brass Kettle one great Iron pot two chests That is to say the great
chest in the parlour the other chest standing in the upper Room two doz of napkins
three pair of silver plates six silver spoons one silver two tables six leather chairs
one silver pair of tongs one silver plate that I shall give to my Exor and also ten thousand pounds
of Tobacco to be paid to him out of my debts that I shall leave at my death if thirty thousand
pounds of Tobacco be recovered or paid but if there shall not be so much received then all the
part of what shall be received I do give and bequeath unto my younger Son
John Keen my land in Dorchester County with all the houses and buildings and orchards
thereon together with all sorts of cattle horses Mares goods and stock of immovable
estate upon the said land shall be upon the same at the day of my death to him
his heirs for ever so long withly I give and bequeath unto my said Son John the best
furniture in the porch and the best furniture in the hall the pewter
dishes one doz of pewter plates two Iron pots a Gun three pair of sheet two doz
of napkins six silver spoons one silver plate two tables six leather chairs one silver
three pair of tongs one silver plate that I shall give to my Exor and also ten thousand pounds
of Tobacco to be paid to him out of my debts that I shall leave at my death if thirty
thousand pounds of Tobacco be recovered or received out of them but if there shall not
be so much received then all the part of what shall be received I do give and bequeath
unto my younger Son Henry Keen daughter to Henry Keen one doz of pewter
two plates to be delivered to her after my decease off the plantation whereon I
now live six thirty my will is that if either of my sons be before they come of the age
of fifteen years or before they are married should happen to die then the
surviving brother to enjoy all that is hereby bequeathed to him and if it should
be pleased God that they should both die before they come of age or are mar-
ried then my loving wife Mary Keen to have and possess all that I have hereby
bequeathed unto them to her and her heirs for ever and if it should please God
that either either or both of them after they are married should depart this life
without issue then one of the undivided parts of the said plantation should be
to possess the one half of what is hereby bequeathed unto her husband and the
surviving brother to enjoy the other half and if it should please God that
both should die without issue then their wife for living to have one half of what is
hereby bequeathed unto my two sons and my loving wife Mary to have the
remainder for ever so long withly will is that my wife Mary Keen have the
custody of my two sons and the management of their Estates until they shall
come to the age of nineteen years At which time I do hereby appoint them
and my wife that they be kept and reputed of age and then that they have
delivered to them what is hereby bequeathed to them and so forth of the
my said wife Mary that my said sons may by her be carefully brought up
in the fear of God and in obeying such as shall think convenient to
bestow upon them Rightly I do give and bequeath unto my dear daughter
Henry Keen of Westmoreland County in the Kingdom of England the sum of
twenty thousand pounds full money of the said Kingdom to be paid unto him by my Exor
hereafter named if he shall be living at the time of my decease Monthly I do give
and bequeath unto my dear and well beloved wife Mary Keen all my land
stock silver and goods or Chattels what so ever that do belong or appertain to me on
the North side of Patuxent River as also all and singular my money to be coyn or
goods in England or elsewhere at the time of my death excepting what is before
bequeathed and also all the part of all my plate and also of what I have before
bequeathed unto the said Mary all the rest of my Estate that is not before bequeathed
either real or personal to her and her heirs for ever Forthwith I do hereby
constitute Ordain and appoint to my said dear and loving wife Mary to be
the Exor of this my last will and testament And so to be kept and reputed and

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In the name of God Amen I, John Lockhart of St Marys County and in and a solemn of the
 last will and testament of Samuel Lockhart of the said County deceased
 with the probate thereon which order to be recorded to follow in the words
 of the said deceased I, John Lockhart of the said County being very
 sick and weak of body but praised be God for the same of sound
 memory do make and am and constitute this my last will and testament
 in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul into the hands of
 Almightie God that gave it and my body to the earth to be decently buried
 as shall please my dear friends after manner becoming the servants of
 my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to obtain pardon and remission of all
 my offences Next I give and bequeath unto George the eldest my young
 son, horse brande to wile, S. C on the rear buttock about 3 years of age
 bred in by the name of Robin and one yearling Cow called that carth of
 a low lather Cole and one small gunn that the said carth out to hunt
 I desire that the way be sent down to Robert Thomas his wife to have
 his wife lived at the spring of the year next I desire all my just debts
 may be paid and duly satisfied And for what I have in this Province
 I do give and bequeath unto my two daughters Mary and Susan in such
 they shall come to years of age I likewise the remainder of my estate I
 give and bequeath unto every part and parcel thereof to my two daughters
 to be equally divided between them when they come to years of discretion
 and I do hereby nominate and appoint Richard Edels my loving friend
 to see this my last will and testament performed to whom I bequeath the said
 Ring sent me out of England but as yet on board of a Ship I have here by
 Resolving all for ever Other toils by name as in and to wit me to have of I
 have here unto set my hand and seals this 2th of February 1675

Samuel Lockhart (Sealed)
 Anne Steps Henry Front 4th 16th February 1675 Henry Front was a Bath that
 his March he was present at the signing sealing and delivery of
 the within last will and testament by the said John Lockhart and that at the
 signing sealing and delivery thereof he was of sound disposing mind
 with an intent to make it as his last will and testament before
 signed by order of the Judges of the said County Michael Richford
 Ann Steps was a Bath that she was present at the signing sealing and delivery
 of the within last will and testament by the said John Lockhart and that at
 the signing sealing and delivery thereof he was of sound disposing
 mind and will and intent to make it as his last will and testament
 before me 20th February the 6th 1675 Jean Davidam

County and exhibited the last will and testament of Daniel Lockhart of the
 said County deceased the request being made to have the same to be proved
 by the oaths of the witnesses thereunto who were upon Richard in Chancery
 and William Watts witnesses to the said will being called before me at the
 Holy Evangelists proved the same as on the back of the said will more
 at large appears which testament follows in the words First
 In the name of God Amen Feb^{ry} 4th 1675 I Daniel Lockhart
 being sick and weak of body but of sound memory do make this for my last
 will and testament Resolving hereby all I have in the world to be
 God and my body to be given to receive decent burial Inasmuch as I
 will and require that all my just debts and legacies be paid and in case
 my present estate will not discharge the same that then any part or
 parcel of lands now or hereafter belonging or any of it shall be sold for my
 said hereafter nominated my debts to be paid and I give and bequeath
 my said estate that shall remain unto my loving son
 (Daniel)

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Daniel Lockhart and my loving daughter Rebecca Lockhart equally loved and
 beloved them and they and their heirs to enjoy the same forever I give to my
 Grand Child Peter Watts and Mary Watts each of them One half and the other
 Christ Church and I appoint my son in law of Peter Watts and Daniel Lockhart
 to my last will and testament and I desire that they who are of my hand
 seal the day and year above said
 Daniel D.C. Lockhart
 Richard Edels
 William Watts and on the back of the said will was this written
 February 13th 1675 Richard Edels and William Watts witnesses to the
 within will of Daniel Lockhart were called and made oath that they were present
 at the signing sealing and delivery thereof by the said deceased and that at the
 signing sealing and delivery of the said will was of sound disposing mind
 with an intent to make it as his last will and testament the day and year
 above before us signed by order of the Judges of the said County Michael Richford
 whereupon the Judges pronounced the said testament to be valid and sufficient
 proved and ordered that the said Daniel Lockhart to be paid the Oath
 of Peter Watts to the said will and to be granted they taking of the Oath
 of Peter which they in and to wit took and the said Peter and with work
 to the way of John Baker to appraise the goods and chattels of the
 deceased being known by the Judges of the said County under the seal of this Court
 in due order

Camrill more forrest of St Marys County and exhibited the last will and testament
 of Patrick Forrest of the said County deceased the request being made to have the same
 to be proved by the oaths of the witnesses thereunto and by the Judges to be
 a proved whereupon John Hopeworth and Edward Fisher witnesses to the said
 will being called and sworn upon the Holy Evangelists proved the same as on the
 back of the said will more at large appears which testament follows in the words First
 Maryland 2th 1675 I Patrick Forrest of St Marys County in St Marys County
 being sick and weak of body but of sound memory and perfect memory praised be God
 calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life how that all flesh
 must yield to death wherewith I make please God to call do declare and declare
 this my last will and testament in manner and form following Inasmuch as
 I give my soul to the Almightie God my Creator Expecting many happy years
 for all my sins in and through the blood merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer
 in and through whom I expect as I wish for Salvation and my body to be
 buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named I will that all
 my just debts be well and truly satisfied and paid I will give unto Edward
 Fisher my daughter to John Fisher and one to be divided after my decease
 I will and bequeath to my son Richard Forrest the plantation he now
 upon with all the rights and privileges there to be belonging and also one
 hundred and fifty acres of free land adjoining thereto to him his heirs
 and also two Cows and to each of my daughters Ann and Margaret two Cows
 out of my stock and one of the said horses if it please God that the
 same should have to produce such increase that the first Male foals to Ann
 and the second to Margaret and the rest of the said horses increase to my son
 Richard and in case of any of the said three (who are now mortally the deceased)
 portion to be divided between the two surviving and so till to the surviving
 I give and bequeath to my son George and also his wife Elizabeth
 to them and their heirs forever all that parcel of land lying in back
 of the said Elizabeth that the said the other a broken horse
 that came of Daniel Lockhart I will and desire that my dear and loving wife
 Edward Fisher and my said son George be joint Executors of this my
 last will and testament In case of the said George's mortality I do bequeath

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my loving friend John Swill for an assistant to my kind wife and managing my childrens estate And do by the offprints revoke & annul all former wills whether by word or writing and only own this as my last will and testament. As witness my hand and seal day and year above written as also I give to my daughter Margaret and her heirs forever fifty acres of land formerly known by the name of Henrys being the gift of Robert and Thomas Hattons to me as a gratuity for what I had done for them.

Witness John Swill the
Edward

Patrick Forrest Sealed

Witness to the said will was the back of the said will was written vizt
Witness the 14 February 1675 John Swill and Edward Fisher
witnesses to the within will made oath that they were present at the
signing sealing and delivery thereof by the within testator and that
they knew of a sound disposing mind with an intent to make it as
his last will and testament before the day and year above said.

Signed by order of the Judge testator's witness Michael Rockford
Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said testament and will as
sufficiently proved and ordered the testamentary to the said George Marshall
and George Duncanson Esqrs to be read in the said will named to be granted
they did taking the oath of Exce. & Exce. while they were called to look
and the said testator with words to Peter Watts and Thomas Hill to
appraise the goods and chattels of the said dead and to the said George
to search the said will under the seal of this Court immediately and return it
in 11 months.

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(Came) Walter Hall of St Marys County Gentle and was all clerk of the
last will and testament of George Marshall late of the said County died
with the probate thereon which was ordered to be recorded and followed in
the words vizt In the name of God Amen George Marshall of
St Marys County in the Province of Maryland being sound mind and out upon
the within March and being willing to settle that estate that God almighty
hath bestowed upon me I first do commit my soul and body to the
protection of the Almighty and my worldly goods to follow vizt
I do leave and bequeath all my estate real and personal unto my son John Norman
Marshall and Thomas Potter to be my Exce. of this my last will and
testament to be the same to have and possess and sell the same as he shall see
cause for the same but this only to be my last will and testament and in
testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day
of Sept. 1675.

George Marshall Sealed

Witness John Hall.

Witness to the said will was the back of the said will was written vizt
I declare the 21st 1675. This day John Hall upon the holy Evangelists
look his oath that he did write the within written will and did see the
deceased George Marshall sign and seal it and do put his hand there
unto as a witness sworn before me by order of the Hon^{ble} Philip
Barrett Chancellor.

Walter Hall

Whereupon ordered that Thomas Potter Esq. in the said will named
have the said testament and will as out and paid the seal in immediately.

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(Came) Ann Doven of Albort County the widow of William Doven late
of the said County deceased and declared the last will and testament of
the said deceased requesting to have the same to be proved by the oaths
of the livinges thereunto whereupon John Hall and John Norman
being called and sworn on the holy Evangelists proved the same as on
the back of the said will more at large appears which testament
followeth in these words vizt
In the name of God Amen

In the name of God Amen

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William Doven upon the life in the County of (Albort being taken body but of
sound and perfect memory Thanks be to almighty God therefore do make this
my last will and testament. Revoking and hereby annulling all other former wills
by me heretofore made either by word or writing and this to be taken as my
last will and testament and no other. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
to God my friends and Redeemer that gave it unto me next my body to the with
Romithen it can be thereunto be decently buried according to the direction of
my dear wife hereafter named. I do give and bequeath unto my loving
wife Ann Doven the plantation upon the left called Wolf Creek with all the
thereunto belonging also one other plantation thereunto adjoining which I had
of John Duncanson for called by the name of Morgans Fresh or left also I do
hereby give unto my said wife one other parcel of land adjoining to the fore
two plantations containing by estimation two hundred and twelve acres
more or less a part of land which I had of the said John Duncanson for called
by the name of Peach Neck or mount Misery, the my said wife to have
and occupy and enjoy the said three plantations or parcels of land dur-
ing the term of her natural life and unmarried iolly from and after her
death I do hereby give and bequeath to the said John Duncanson for all
the fore and three plantations or parcels of land with all appurtenances to
the same belonging to have and hold to him and his heirs forever. I do
also give unto my said wife Ann Doven all my servants cattle household stuff
implements of house hold stuff tools Tobacco and whatsoever my
personal estate to be by her used and enjoyed to her best benefit and behoof
during the term of her natural life and at the end and expiration of her life
I give what shall remain of the personal estate whatsoever it shall be to my
good friends Mr Richard Sade of Albort County and Mr John Duncanson of
Calbot County to be equally divided between them two to the use of them and
their heirs for ever. I do will notwithstanding my former or present
legally made will be of all my personal estate that the said Mr Richard Sade
shall have at the time of his freedom which will be the first of January next
after the date of these presents One hundred and thirty pounds and appoint
Ordain and constitute my said wife Ann Doven the sole Exec^{tr} of this my last
will and testament. I do appoint my good friends Mr Richard Sade &
Mr John Duncanson for joint overseers and assistants of the execution of
this my will to the end they may assist my wife in what she as a weak
woman may be deficient in the execution thereof In consideration where
of I have given them the fore mentioned legacy in reversion. In testimony
of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of January
in the year of our Lord 1675.

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Witness to the said will was the back of the said will was written
Henry Duncanson Esq. and on the back of the said will was thus
John Hall and John Norman made oath that they were present at the signing
sealing and delivery of the within will by the within named testator and
that at the signing sealing and delivery thereof he was of a sound disposing
mind with an intent to make it as his last will and testament the day and
year above said before me.

Philip Calvert
Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said testament and will as
sufficiently proved and ordered the testamentary to the said George Marshall & Esqrs
of the said deceased to be read in the said will named to be granted &
that commission was to be given to the said John Duncanson for the said Ann
with words to John Hall and James White to appraise the goods and
chattels of the said deceased & to the said Sade to search the said will under the
seal of this Court immediately.

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Edm. die

1675
Came John Waterton of Baltimore County gentill and made Return
of the Verball Will of John Keycroft late of the said County deceased which will
and probate thereof followeth in these words vizt
James Arundel strong aged of about thirty years of age being sworn
on the holy Evangelist the 11th day of December 1675 that on or
about the 20th day of Sept^r last past John Keycroft being very sick at
the house of Thomas Jones and sending him self very ill and thus depose
with his wife and Thomas Jones going forth to work the said Keycroft call
to Thomas Jones and said he feared himself very ill and desired the said Jones
to bury him like a man and the Rest he had should reward him for his pains

James & Arundel the Maxhe
Elizabeth Arundel aged about thirty years of age being sworn the 11th day of
December upon the holy Evangelist sayth that John Keycroft late
deceased said he died at the house of Thomas Jones that in the said Jones
should bury him like a man should be rewarded for his pains with
what he had

Elizabeth Arundel her March
By virtue of a Commission from the Hon^{ble} Philip Calvert Esq^r Judge
for Probate of Wills &c under the Seal of that office dated at St Marys the
24th day of Nov^r in the 4th year of the said propriety's dominion over
the Province of Maryland Cunn^y die 1675 the witnesses above names
James Arundel and Elizabeth Arundel being brought before me
John Waterton one of his Majesties Justices for the County of Baltimore
and saw fully sworn upon the holy Evangelist in and the depositions
above written as to the proving of the Verball Will of John Keycroft
deceased and giving of what he had to Thomas Jones the 11th day of Decem^r
1675 whereupon the said Thomas Jones was sworn Dec^r 1675 to the said
John Keycroft deceased and giving to the former prescribed in the Commission
to me directed in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal
the 11th day of December 1675
John Waterton Seals

Whereupon the Judge pronounced in favour of the said Verball Will
and in regard the said deceased left all to Thomas Jones in seeing him
well buried deceased him Dec^r of the said Verball Will and ordered his will
to be laid down with witness to James Calvert and Edward James to ap
praise the goods and Chattels of the said deceased and to John Waterton
gentle to receive them which I do testant I want to App^r to the said under
the Seal of this Court immediately

James Henry Dean of Calvert County and Exhibited the last will and
testament of Thomas Arnold late of the said County deceased Requesting
to have the same to be proved by the Oaths of the witnesses therein unto
whereupon William Langston and Hugh Hopewell being called & sworn
on the holy Evangelist proved the same as on the back of the said Will men
at Sarag appears in which will followeth in these words vizt

Ye Christian people to whom these presents shall come Thomas
Arnold of Patrick Head in the Province of Maryland planter and Quaker
and being sick in body though in perfect memory & do ordain this to be
my last will and testament in Maner and form following vizt

In primis I bequeath my soule to God my Redeemer and my body to
the earth from whence it came and what else it shall please the Almighty
God to be bestowed upon me I bequeath in form as followeth
Item I bequeath and bequeath to my said late Henry Dean Clerk of the
Peace the balance of what I have repaying my debts out of leaving
him the said Henry Dean to be my sole Executor with the my hand & Seal
this 24th of Jan^y Anno domⁱ 1675
The March of
Hugh I Hopewell Thomas & Arnold Seals

Read do in the presence
of the March of
10m Langston
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1675
And on the back of the said will was thus written vizt William Langston
and Hugh Hopewell Junior make Oath that Thomas Arnold being of sound
disposing mind and without intent to make his last will and testament did sign
seal and publish his writing as his last will and testament And before me
February 11th 1675
Philip Alvert

Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said will and testam^t fully
proved and ordered his testam^tary to the said Henry Dean to be granted & that
the said will be read the said Dean taking the Oath of &c in common form which the
said Dean immediately took and the said testam^tary with witness to John Hall
and Guy White to appraise the goods and Chattels of the said deceased and to Thomas
Spring Gentl to receive them I find under the Seal of this Court immediately the 11th of Nov^r

Philip Alvert
Call to Henry Dean of Calvert County and showed to the Judge where that Thomas
Arnold late of the said County deceased that the said Henry Dean be a Justice
and that before his decease he had made a certain Verball Will in presence of Edw
Rockett and three or pray that the said Rockett &c his Oath may be admitted to give
his evidence thereof to be upon the said Rockett being called and sworn on the holy
Evangelist did declare as followeth vizt

Edward Rockett of Baltimore County being sworn on the holy Evangelist
deposed thus followeth vizt The said deponent said that he was present at Henry
Dean's house when the said deceased Thomas Arnold being lately deceased then being
sick in his house whether or no he would know his will made there upon the said
Thomas replied that if in his house he had not said like no running his hands upon all that
he had but the said Dean to him that what was due to him from him the said Thomas
he should satisfy himself and the Remainder he would send to his Father if living
and the said deponent said he would not

Edward Rockett
sworn the 15th day of Feb^r 1675 before me Philip Alvert
Whereupon the Judge pronounced in favour of the said Verball Will and
deemed the said Henry Dean Dec^r of the said Oath and ordered his testam^t
mentary to him to be granted he then taking the Oath of &c which the said
Dean immediately took and the said testam^tary with witness to John Hall &
Guy White to appraise the goods and Chattels of the said deceased and to Thomas
Spring Gentl to receive them I find under the Seal of this Court immediately the 11th of Nov^r

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Edm. die

Call to Robert Bewle one of the Exors of the last will and testam^t of Elizabeth May
the decedent of Richard May late of St Marys County deceased and Exhibited under
Affidavits made by John Baker who Deed and Consent Hill of St Marys County gent
which followeth in these words vizt

Consent Hill of St Marys County gent and John Baker of the same who Deed
being duly sworn before the Hon^{ble} Philip Calvert Esq^r Judge of Probate
with and granting of Adjourn^t &c do swear that they were by and present and did
hear Mrs Elizabeth May in her life time and on the day she was making her last
will say that her last will and Richard May had given to Mr Robert Bewle all black
Cattle Suits and &c and all the rest of the wearing apparel he had given to the
Thomas Bewle and that he had omitted the same but of his will but had ordered
her to deliver the same and that she then said it should be done according to her will
to the very same effect

John Baker
sworn the 11th of February 1675
before me Philip Alvert

sworn before us do declare Philip Alvert
Whereupon the Judge pronounced the said deposes to be part of the will and
testam^t of the said Richard May and ordered them to be annexed as aforesaid to the
testam^t of the said Richard May and ordered the said Robert Bewle to exhibit the last
will and testam^t of Elizabeth May together with the renunciation of Consent
Hill gentl to the Executors of the said testam^t and pray to have the same
proved by the Oaths of Michael Rockford and Thomas Wynne swearing the
testimony of Thomas Bewle in because he was legate And the said Michael

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1675
28-21
this my last will and testament I make the said Henry Cowe Robert Cowe and I leave all my goods and debts to be divided among and ordered by my executors to be taken care thereof according to their own equity of conscience the last money whereof I have sent unto set my hand and seal the day and year above mentioned
Elizabeth May (late)

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Elizabeth May (late)

1673
 and I do swear that my son may be sent to England there to be brought up
 at School Item in case the said Thomas James and Elias Beakes shall in
 their discretion think and see good to be most beneficial for the good of my son
 to send him to any other place I do hereby empower them jointly in their own names to make
 any such conveyance and assurance of the same to any person what soever as
 the law shall require and I do hereby declare that any such deed conveyance
 and assurance in the law so to be by them made sealed and delivered as their
 act and deed be as full and effectual in the law to all intents and
 purposes to what soever as if I were self had done the same I in witness where
 of I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 26th of January 1673
 Signed & sealed in the presence of Matthias Woods
 The Signer

I stood & deliberated of I have here to let my
in the presence of Matthias Woods

the presence of Mathias Woods
Nath. Painter Thomas Loguer Sealers
Where upon the Judge pronounced the said testament well made &
sufficiently proved and in regard Thomas Loguer the only son & heir of
the said dec'd and exec. in the said Will named is not of age to take upon
him the said Executorship and whereas the said Thomas trusts Elias Beach
was overruled appointed by the D. dec'd of this last will & testament
during the minority of the said dec'd and whereas Elias Beach did
renounce his right of admin. of the said dec'd to the Judge & ordered that
the said Thomas & wife have possession of the Goods Chattels & debts of the said
dec'd with the like annex to the said dec'd and behoofs of the said
Thomas Loguer Junr. he taking the oath of aduⁿ in common form are
giving bond with security unt^d 3000^{to} to b. for his due adⁿ therein to
the Court & immediately took and gave bond with Walter Halk Gent^l
for his Swety in 3000^{to} to b. And the said Sellers of adⁿ with the wife
annex to with oath to Walter Halk Gent^l & John Bakers who were
appraisers the goods and Chattels of the said dec'd being shortly
the Judge here upon und^d the seal of this Court immediately retⁿ in month

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 A. S. Lawrence 20th July
 (A) U. Eliz^a Mackey of St Marys County & Exhibited the last will & testament of John Mackey late of the said County Deceased Requesting to have the same to be proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereunto before upon Thomas Ordiss and Emmanuel Ketchiff Witnesses to the same being called and sworn on the holy Evangelists proved the said will as on the back thereof more at large appears to be testant followeth the said will 1751
 In the Name of God Amen I John Mackey of St Georges in the County of St Marys & Province of Maryland being very sick & weak in body but of perfect memory do commend my soul to God that gave it me, and my body to the grave to be buried decently after the best manner do acknowledge this to be my last will and testament. I leave my lands here on now dwelling plantation to my Son John Mackey - I leave the other lands unto my Son James Mackey Item I do leave all other my goods Cattle Cattle moveables & unmoveables what so ever to be divided betwixt them Excepting only my wives share & the first shill that the said say more has, which I do leave to Dennis Ketchiff I leave to leave my wife Eliz^a Mackey my exec^r & I manage my Affairs for the profit of my Children only in during the time of her widow hood I do order & appoint Thomas Dent & Patrick Horvost to be my Overseers for the good of my wife and Children In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal this 27th of Jan^y in the year of our Lord 1751
 The said John Mackey

overseers for the good of my wife and children Mr. James White of said
town into put my hand and seal this 27th day of June 1784 for so is
in the presence of Thomas Carle The Marshall of
(36) Emmanuel Ratcliff John F. Mackay (Sealed)
And on the back of the said Will was thus written vizt 26th day of 1784
Thomas Carle & Emmanuel Ratcliff made Oath that they were
(present)

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present when John Mackey being of a sound disposing mind with an intent
to make his last will and testament did sign seal and publish as his last will and
testament the within writing before us signed by us of the Judges Testaments at
Michael Rockford Esq
Whereupon the Judges pronounced the said testament well made & sufficiently
proved and a true & lawful testamentary & admi^{on} of the goods & Chattels of the said
deceased to the said Esq Mackey & Esq in the said last named to be granted the
taking of the Oath of Esq in common form wth the said Esq immediately look
and the said Esq Mackey with warts to Richard Foxgord and Thomas
unlawfully say for to appraise the goods and Chattels of the said deceased and to
Thomas Dent Gold to swear them if need under the Seal of this Court in me.
Datedly Inwents Rob in 3 Months

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Entered & published in the presence of
the Lord give first interline (for Rowby)

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Anne T. Swanton of Alberty County the widow of Francis Swanton
 late of the said County deceased and Exhibited the last will and testament of the sd
 deceased Requesting to have the same to be proved by the Oaths of the witnesses
 there unto there upon John Rows by being called & sworn on his holy
 Evangelists proved the said as more at large on the back of the said will
 appears which Testament fold in these words first
 In the Name of God Amen I Francis Swanton of Alberty County (Living
 & being such in body but of good and perfect mind & memory understanding
 & praised be God for the same yet knowing the uncertainty of this life & being
 minded and willing to sell and dispose of such Estates & things as I shall please to
 assign to be bestowed upon my s^o do we did devise the same in manner and
 form following viz In prunis I bequeath my Body to the grave to be decently
 interred by my Executors hereafter named and appointed in and out of any hopes
 of a glorious resurrection in and through the only merits of my blessed Saviour
 Jesus Christ then I devise unto my dear and loving wife Isabella Swanton
 all that plantation or tract of land called Swanton's North Situate in
 and being within the County of in the Shores of potent New eyes and laid
 out for the hundred Acres be it more or less to hold and Enjoy during the term
 of her natural life and after her decease I will and hereby devise the said
 plantation or tract of land with the appurtenances unto my only son Francis
 Swanton his heirs and assigns for ever but in case my s^o John Francis shall
 happen to depart this life before his Mother my said dear and loving wife
 give of his body I will by begetten then do with and devise the sd plantation
 and land wth the appurtenances unto my said wife her heirs & assigns
 for ever lastly I do hereby revoke all former wills and do by these presents
 constitute and ordain my said dear & loving my full and sole Executors to whom
 I hereby freely give my whole personal Estate together with the benefit of the
 lease of my present habitation IN WITNESS whereof I have here unto
 set my hand and seal this 11th day of April in the year of our s^o 1674
 & published in the presence of
 we first interred / (for: Rogeoffy)
 John Peck
 John Rows by / & on the back of the will was thus written viz
 Marj^e C^o John Rows by made Oath that he was present when the Testator
 Francis Swanton sealed and published his writing as his last will and
 testament and that at that time he was of sound disposing mind
 Juravit die & Anno supra dictis Graim me Philip Alvert
 Isabella the widow of Dec^t of Francis Swanton made Oath that she knew
 of no other will or testament of the said Francis but C^o Marj^e C^o Philip Alvert
 whereupon the Judge pronounced the sd testament to be made & sufficiently
 proved & ordered the said to the sd Isabella Swanton & in the Privy
 sealed the taking the Oath of Dec^t in conjoining wth the sd Dec^t in a solemn
 took the s^o & claim wth words to wit Ninian Bell & Tho^s Ellis to ap-
 praise the goods & Chattells of the sd Dec^t & to Tobias Norton gentl^e to beack-
 p^o and the seal of this Court immediately Nov^r Ret^r in 1st Months

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and I do desire that my son may be sent to England there to be brought up at School. Item in case the said Thomas Innes and Elias Beachie shall in their discretion think and judge it to be most beneficial for the good of my son to sell my land I do here by my power then jointly in their own names to make any such conveyance and assurance of the same to any person what soever as the law shall require and I do hereby declare that any such deed conveyance and assurance in this law so to be by them made sealed and delivered as law act and deed be as from valid and effectual in the law to all intents and purposes to what soever as if I were self had done the same. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 26th of January 1675

In said & done in the presence of Mathias Woods

Mathias Woods

Thomas Innes & Elias Beachie

Where upon the Judge pronounced the said testament well made & sufficiently proved and in regard Thomas Innes the only son & heir of the said deceased and executor in the said Will named is not of age to take upon him the said executorship and whereas the said Thomas Innes & Elias Beachie were overseers appointed by the deceased of his last will & testament during the minority of the said executor and whereas Elias Beachie deceased to his right of age of the deceased the Judge ordered that the said Thomas Innes have possession of the goods chattels & debts of the deceased with the like annexed to the said deceased and behoof of the said Thomas Innes. He taking the Oath of God in common form and giving bond with security unto 30000th to be for his due do therein to the said executor immediately look and give bond with Walter Hall Gent for his duty in 30000th to be. And the said fathers of age with the wife annexed with consent to Walter Hall Gent & John Baskin who were to appraise the goods and chattels of the said deceased being sworn by the Judge here issued under the seal of this Court immediately and returned months

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In said & done in the presence of

Mathias Woods & Mathias Woods
Catherine Mackey of St. Marys County & Exhibits the last will & testament of John Mackey late of the said County deceased Requesting to have the same to be proved by the Oaths of the witnesses thereunto before upon Thomas Child and Emmanuel Ratchoff witnesses to the same being called and sworn on the holy Evangelists proved the said will as on the back thereof more at large appears to be testament followeth in these words
In the Name of God Amen I John Mackey of St. Georges in the County of St. Marys & Province of Maryland being very sick & weak in body but of perfect memory do hereby give my last will to God that gave it me, and my body to the grave to be buried decently after Christian manner do acknowledge this to be my last will and testament. I have hereunto set my hand and seal on my dwelling plantation to my son John Mackey I have leave the other lands unto my son James Mackey I have leave all other my goods cattle chattels moveables & unmoveables what so ever to be divided between them excepting only my wife's thirds. The first part that the said day March 1675 which I do leave to Emmanuel Ratchoff I have leave my wife Catherine Mackey my executor & I have leave my wife for the profit of my children only in during the lives of her widowhood I have do be over appoint Thomas Child & Patrick Forrest to be my overseers for the good of my wife and children in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th of Jan^y in the year of our Lord 1675

Emmanuel Ratchoff

John F. Mackey

And on the back of the said will was thus written vizt 26th of Feb^y 1675
Thomas Child & Emmanuel Ratchoff made Oath that they were

(present)

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present when John Mackey being of sound disposing mind with an intent to make his last will and testament did sign seal and publish as his last will and testament the within writing before us signed by us of the Judge Testator at my

Michael Rockford Esq
Where upon the Judge pronounced the said testament well made & sufficiently proved and in regard the said testamentary executor of the goods & chattels of the said deceased to the said Elizabeth Mackey Esq in the said testament to be executor she taking the Oath of God in common form with the said executor immediately look and the said executor testamentary with consent to Richard Lloyd gent and Emmanuel Ratchoff to appraise the goods and chattels of the said deceased and to Thomas Child & Patrick Forrest to be my overseers for the good of my wife and children in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th of Jan^y in the year of our Lord 1675

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In said & done in the presence of

Catherine Swanton of Albemarle County the widow of Francis Swanton late of the said County deceased and Exhibits the last will and testament of the deceased Requesting to have the same to be proved by the Oaths of the witnesses thereunto before upon John Rows by being called & sworn on the holy Evangelists proved the same as more at large on the back of the said will appears which Testament followeth in these words vizt

In the Name of God Amen I Francis Swanton of Albemarle County (being sick in body but of good and perfect mind & memory) understanding my prais be God for the same yet knowing the uncertainty of this life & being minded and willing to settle and dispose of such Estates & Chattels as I should be able to bestow upon my do wife and devise the same in manner and form following vizt I promise & commit my body to the grave to be decently interred by my Executor hereafter named and appointed in this and certain hopes of glorious resurrection in and through the only merits of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ. Item I devise unto my dear and loving wife Isabella Swanton all that plantation or tract of land called Swanton's self situated lying and being within the County of Albemarle in the Province of Virginia and laid out for the husband acres be it more or less to hold and enjoy during the term of her natural life and after her decease I will and hereby devise the said plantation or tract of land with the appurtenances unto my only son Francis Swanton his heirs and assigns for ever but in case my son Francis shall happen to depart this life before his Mother my said dear and loving wife Isabella Swanton of his body lawfully begotten then I do will and devise the said plantation and land with the appurtenances unto my said wife her heirs and assigns forever lastly I do hereby revoke all former wills and do by these presents constitute and ordain my said dear wife my full and sole Executor whom I hereby freely give my whole personal Estate together with the benefit of the lease of my present habitation in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of April in the year of our Lord 1675

In said & done in the presence of
the witnesses first intended (Dr. Rockoff)

Francis Swanton (deceased)

John Rows

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Mar^y 6th Bro John Rows by made Oath that he was present when the Testator Francis Swanton sealed and published this writing as his last will and testament and that at that time he was of sound disposing mind
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of April in the year of our Lord 1675
Where upon the Judge pronounced the said testament well made & sufficiently proved and in regard the said testamentary executor of the goods & chattels of the said deceased to the said Isabella Swanton Esq in the said testament to be executor she taking the Oath of God in common form with the said executor immediately look and the said executor testamentary with consent to Richard Lloyd gent and Emmanuel Ratchoff to appraise the goods and chattels of the said deceased and to Thomas Child & Patrick Forrest to be my overseers for the good of my wife and children in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of April in the year of our Lord 1675

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(Amended)