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proved, Whereupon the Judge here Required the Said William Burgess One of the Wittnesses to the Testament and John Broome One other of the Wittnesses to the Said Will to give their testimony Who thereupon being Sworn, Upon the Evangelists Say that they were present and did See the Said Puddington Sign Seal and publish the said Testament and that at the time of the publishing the said Testament he the said Puddington was of a sound disposeing mind Wherefore the Said Judge Ordered the Said Testament to be Recorded, which Testament followeth in these Words (Viz^t) —

In the name of God Amen

The Greenth day of august in the year of our Lord God One Thousand six hundred Seaventy and four, I George Puddington of South River in Annarundell County in the Province of Maryland being Somewhat weake in Body but of good and perfect memory (Thanks be given to God and Calling to mind the frail and uncertain Estate of this Transitory Life and that all flesh must Yield unto Death when it shall please God to Call, Do make Constitute & ordain and Declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following Revoaking and Annulling by these presents all and Every Testam^t & Testam^ts Will and Wills heretofore by me made and declared either by word or Wryting and this to be taken Only for my last Will and Testament and none Other and first being penitent and Sorry from the bottom of my heart for my Sins past most humbly desireing forgiveness for the Same, I Committ my Soul to God who gave it and by the Only Merritts of the Lord Jesus my Savior and Redeemer Trust to be Saved and to have full Remission and forgiveness of all my Sins and my body to the Earth to be buried in Such decent Manner and place where it Shall please my Executor hereafter named to appoint and now for the Settling of my Temporall Estate and Such Goods Chattells and Debts as it hath pleased God far above my Deserts to bestow upon me I do order give and dispose

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the Same in manner and form following: That is to Say) Inprimis I will that those Debts and Duties as I owe in Right or Conscience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever Shall be well & truly Contented and paid within Convenient time after my Decease by my Executor hereafter named. Item my Will is that if two of my near Relations my Brother or Sisters Children their Name not known by me do Come into this Countrey within Two Years time from the Date hereof that their and Each of their passages be paid and fully Satisfied out of my Estate which I freely give them. Also I give unto Each of them if they Come into this Countrey Tenn Thousand Pounds of Tobacco to be likewise paid out of my Estate within Twelve months next after my Decease. Item I do by these presents freely and Clearly acquitt Exonerate and Discharge my Young Son in Law Robert Franklin his heirs Executors and adm^rs from all Dues Debts and Demands whatsoever due at any time or times unto me from the beginning of the World unto the day of the date hereof. Item I give and bequeath unto George Burgess Wm Burgess and Susanna Burgess Sons & Daughters to Capt. Wm Burgess Fifty Shillings Sterling a piece to buy Each of them a peece of plate to be delivered unto them and Each of them in twelve months time after my Decease. Item I give & bequeath unto my kinsman James Chilcott one able Servant or the value thereof in Tobacco to be paid within twelve months next after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto my Kinsman Augustin Skinner One Cow to be delivered unto him within twelve months next after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto Each of my Son Richard Beards Children which are now living Twenty Shillings Ster^g. a piece to be delivered unto Each of them within twelve months next after my decease. Item I give and bequeath unto Each of my Grand Son Neale Clerks Children which are now living Twenty Shilling Sterling a piece to be Delivered unto Each of them within Twelve months next after my Decease. Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving Wife Jane Puddington Fourty Pounds Sterling p^r annum for her Maintenance dureing her Natural life to be paid at Such time and place yearly

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