(1) In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Vans
of North East in Cecill County in the Province of
Maryland being Sick & weak of body but of perfect
mind & memory thanks be to God for the same —
Calling to mind the Mortality of my body & knowing
that all is Appointed for all men once to Dye I make &
Ordain this my last will & Testament in manner
and forme following —
First I will & bequeath my Soul to Almighty God who gave
it me then my body to be Decently buried at the —
Direction of my Executrix or Exors hereafter Named —
Item my will is that all my just Debts be honestly paid
I do hereby Constitute & appoint my Dear and —
well beloved wife Ann Vans Jun.r my whole
Sole Executrix of all my Estate both real &
Personall —
Item I give unto my Eldest son Samuel Vans fourty Shill.s
to my Daughter mary twenty Shillings to my son
Thomas twenty Shillings to my Daughter Marg.t —
twenty to my son Rodolph twenty Shillings all the
Rest of my Estate to be Disposed at the Direction
of my Executrix as Shall she think fitt and if my —
Executrix Should Dye then I Constitute and appoint —
my Brother Gunning Bedford my whole & Sole Ex.r —
of this my Last Leave behind to Dispose of it Equally
amongst my Children I give my Daughter Sheba
Vans twenty Shillings this is my last will & testament all
others as Witness my hand & Seale this 20: day
of Aug: Anno Dom. 1716 Sam.l Vans (Seal)
Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of Gunning Bedford Wm. Forois, Laurence Thorson (Seal)