

my own decease for her to keep and dispose of them thereafter as she shall think proper; and that for her own sole and proper and separate use, without any controule, claim, hinderances, or pretension from her Husband the said Stephen West, or any other person or Engagements of her own: and likewise my Will and desire is that if my said Wife Christian shall survive me, and she finds that the third part of my Personal Estate in Maryland, after my legal debts are paid, shall be of more value than the aforementioned Negroes with their increase, then to be at her choice to take the equal third part and dispose of the same as she pleases, enquiring the above Negroes & their increase, and they to be valued as if my estate or the said Negroes and their increase remain before me.

My Will and desire is that all the Personal Estate (after my legal debts are paid) be sold to the best Advantage (excepting as hereafter excepted) and that the money arising from said sale be laid out at Interest by my Executors, and the Interest thereof be yearly paid to my Daughter Mary Belt now Wife to Capt. Tobias Belt of this County, during her natural life, for her sole, peculiar & separate Use, without being Subject to the controul, debts, engagements or intermeddling of the said Tobias Belt or any future Husband she hereafter may have, and the receipt or receipts of my said Daughter Mary and her hand, or of such person or persons as she shall appoint to receive the same as aforesaid shall, notwithstanding of coverture, be from time to time a sufficient discharge for so much as by her or her Trustees

shall be paid: and after the decease of my said Daughter Mary, the principal from the sale aforesaid be immediately equally divided among her Children that shall at that time be alive. I give & bequeath to my Grandson George Forbes Hamilton my House & lot N. 40 at George Town on Potowmack River, with the Improvements thereon, and the acre of Land whereon the Old Warehouses are erected, with the rents and profits of said lots & houses to him & his Heirs for ever. — It. — I give and bequeath to my Grandson Charles Evans Hamilton my lot N. 52 with the Warehouses thereon, and the Rents and profits thereof to him and his Heirs for ever. — It. — I give and bequeath to my Grandson Horatio Belt my lot N. 66. with the Improvements thereon, to him and his Heirs for ever.

It. — I give and bequeath to my Grandson Joshua Belt my lot N. 46. with the Improvements thereon, to him & his Heirs for ever.