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besides my Said three Sons by the said Robert Weedon has any right to object to Such arrangement and disposition and as I mean to give the Money arising from the Sale of my Real Estate (as is herein after Specified) unto those three Sons share and Share alike. Now I do hereby declare and order and will and direct that such my disposition and devise of my Said Real Estate and of my personal property also is founded upon the express terms and Condition that my said three Sons Eli Weedon, Cloudsberry Weedon and Lemuel Weedon shall abide by Stand to and agree with this my Testament and Last Will in all its several parts clauses and dispositions. And should it so happen which is hardly possible that either of my Said Sons when respectively come to the age of twenty one years should object to or refuse to abide by, Stand to, and agree with this my Testament and last Will in all respects whatsoever then and in that case my will is expressly that such Son so disagreeing or objecting shall have and receive no part of my property or any benefit of my Estate (real or personal) whatsoever but that the Same shall go and belong to the others or other of my said three Sons who do not object or disagree thereunto. My Motive in making this Arrangement is a Wish to benefit my said three Sons equally.

Item I give devise will and bequeath all my Land, being part of a Tract of Land called Scotland, containing near one hundred Acres and Situate lying and being on the North Side of Severn River in Broad Neck Hundred St. Margarets Westminster Parish in Anne Arundel County unto my well beloved Daughter Sarah Seeders, Widow of Henry Seeders for and during her natural life, as she is in a very weak and low State of health, unable to do much towards Supporting and maintaining herself and as she has contributed much to my Comfort during the long and distressing Sickness that I have experienced. And my Will further is that within twelve months from the decease of my Said Daughter Sarah Seeders my Executors herein after named Shall expose my Said Land to Sale at publick Auction and Sell and dispose of the Same to the highest Bidder (who can pay for the Same) on a Credit of Three Years, by equal annual payments or instalments with legal Interest and take Bond with Security for the purchase money and I hereby authorise Commission empower my Said Executors on the whole of the purchase money being faithfully paid and by them received to make execute acknowledge and perfect all such Deeds Conveyances and Instruments of Writing as may be necessary to convey make over and transfer the Said Land unto the purchaser his or her

heirs and assigns for ever. And I do hereby give devise and bequeath all the monies arising from such sale of my Land unto my aforesaid Sons Eli Weedon, Cloudsberry Weedon and Lemuel Weedon Share and share alike to be paid unto them as they respectively arrive at the age of Twenty one years, provided always and upon the express terms and Condition that they agree to and abide by this my Testament and Last Will in all respects whatsoever as in the same is before Specified and set forth.

Item It is my Will and desire and I do hereby order and direct that my faithful female Slave named Hagar shall within one month after my decease be manumitted liberated and set free to all intents and purposes Whatsoever as a Reward for her fidelity to me.

Item It is my Will and I do hereby give and bequeath the labour and service and use of my Man Slave George Commonly called George Lee unto my Said Daughter Sarah Seeders for and during the term of her natural life and upon the decease of my said Daughter it is my Will and Intention that the said George Lee shall be manumitted liberated and set free to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Small one Bed, Bedstead and Bed furniture to be paid and delivered unto him by my Executors as soon after my decease as may be conveniently done. And this is all that he is to have out of my Estate for as he inherited all his Fathers Land and also received his full share of his Fathers personal Estate I cannot in justice to my other Children give him any thing more. And this bequest I merely make as a token of my affection for him.

Item It is my Will and Desire and I do hereby order and direct that my youngest Son Lemuel Weedon shall be put to School for the Space of term of two years from the time of my decease and then bound an apprentice to some respectable Mechanick to learn some good Trade whereby he may be qualified and enable the more easily to attain a livelihood when he comes of age. And the expences thereof are to be defrayed out of the Money arising from the Sale of my personal property as herein after mentioned to be made, And I do further hereby nominate Constitute and appoint my two esteemed Friends and Neighbours Horatio Ridout and Henry Duvall to be the Guardians of my said Sons Eli Weedon Cloudsberry Weedon and Lemuel Weedon authorising and empowering them and the Survivor of them to take into their Care Custody and profession the property of my Said Sons to manage the Same and to settle with and pay them off as they severally come of full age and in all things to act for them according to the best of their judgments.