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In the Name of God Amen. I James Vineyard of the City of Annapolis, in Ann Arundel County being sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing mind, Memory & understanding, and well knowing that nothing is certain in this Life but Death, and that before such period, it is reasonable and right all Temporal matters should be settled with respect to my Worldly affairs. Do in Consequence thereof make this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following, to wit ——————

Impr. Whereas providence in its devine Dispensation hath blessed me with some property & being desirous to dispose of the same in the most equitable and just manner Do hereby give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved Wife Claris Vineyard all my Estate both real and personal, in Trust, that is to say during her Widowhood, or Natural Life. provided my said Dear Wife instruct, or cause to be Instructed, my two Dear children John and Mary Vineyard such Education it is customary for all good Men in my circumstances to give them.

And Whereas my tender and affectionate Wife is now heavy with Child, and should it please the all wise Omnipotent to Cause a safe delivery thereof and its preservation, then it is my Will that such Child be included in the above clause with respect to Education ——————

Item. It is my Will that my Loving Wife Live free and unmolested, (after my Debts are paid,) during her Widowhood & Life from any Claim or Claims from any or either of my aforementioned Children, but if it should so happen that my said Wife should choose to intermary again, that then and in such case all right to my property, with her shall surcease, and my said Children if not of Age shall choose Guardians, but in case my son John shall then be of the Age of Twenty One years he shall be Intitled to make choice of either of the Houses & Lots I purchased of a certain Richard Burland late of this City but now of Baltimore Town, and my Daughter Mary shall be intitled to the other But be it understood that no trouble Let or Molestation at any rate shall be given to my Dear Wife during her Life or any property Invested in my said Children, during which period which God prolong; unless she again Marries ——————

Item. It is also my Will, that the Child my Loving Wife is now heavy with, should it Live, and Arrive to such Age as the Law deems mature he or she shall be paid in lieu of his or her third part the sum of Fifty pounds Specie by my aforenamed Children John and Mary each and that within two years after they shall become in possession of the Lots or Tenements aforesaid ——————

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Item. I hereby constitute & appoint my Loving Wife Claris Vineyard and Mr James Russell of Charles County my whole and Sole Executors, hereby revoking all other Wills heretofore by me made, As Witness my Hand & Seal this seventeenth day of November Anno Domini Seventeen Hundred & Eighty One ——

Signed sealed published & declared as the Testators last Will & Testament in the presence of Us the Subscribers — who at his request and in his presence Subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto

James Vineyard (Seal)

Rich. Thompson, Geo. Ranken. Charles Hogg —

NB. the Word "each being first Interlined

On the back of the aforegoing Will was the following endorsment to wit ——

Ann Arundel County to wit On the twenty first Day of December 1784 came Charles Hogg & George Ranken two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator James Vineyard Sign and Seal this Will and that they heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehensions of sound and disposing mind Memory and understanding and that they together with Richard Thompson respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other

Sworn before Thos. Gassaway Regr. Wills for AA Coty

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In the Name of God Amen. I John Brown of Ann Arundel County in the State of Maryland being weak in Body but of perfect sound and disposed mind and Memory. Considering the Certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, and thereby be better prepared to leave the World when it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say ——————

First and principally I commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth, to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after named, and, after my debts funeral Charges and Legacies are paid I devise and bequeath as follows ——————

Item. I give and devise to my Son Richard Brown all that Land and plantation whereon he now liveth also I Give and devise to my Said Son Richard

(Brown)