Law entitles me to —

I am Sir

To
Thos. Gafsaway Esq.
Reg. of Wills
for AA County

Yr. H. Servt.
Patience her P mark Hatherly

Examined

the 15th. Oct. 1782

In the Name of God Amen..

I Ruth Rumney of Ann Arundel County in the State of Maryland being very Weak & Low but of Perfect mind & Memory do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in Manner & form following Viz.

Item I Give & bequeath to my Noice Sophia Peddicoart & her Heirs for ever Six Silver Table spoones marked **N R R** & no more

Item I Give & bequeath to Nephew John Howard Son of Samr. Howard (deceased) yr. Three following Negroes known by the Name of Frank, Easter & Sue during his Natural life & after his Decease my desire is that they shall be set at Liberty I also give unto yd. S. John Howard & his Heirs for ever all the remainder or residue of my Estate both real & Personal that I have not already devised in this Will

I Constitue & appoint my sd. Nephew John Howard my whole & Sole Executor of this my last Will revoking all others heretofore by me made in Testimony of which I hereunto Set my hand & Seal this Seventh day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Eighty Two

Signd Seald & Delivered in the presence of us
Richard Cromewell
Elizabeth Cromewell

Ruth her R Mark Rumney (Seal)

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

November 1st. 1782. Then came Richard Cromewell one of the subscribing Witnesses to the within Will & made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see the Testatrix Ruth Rumney sign and Seal this Will and that he heard her publish and declare the same to be her Last Will and Testament and that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of his Apprehension of sound and disposing mind Memory and understanding and that he together with Elizabeth Cromewell respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other

Examined

Sworn before Thos. Gafsaway Reg. Wills for AA Cty.

In the Name of God Amen.. I John

Macconikin of Anne Arundal County being weak in body but in Sound mind and Memory Blessed be god do make Constitute and appoint this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first I resign my body to the Earth from whence it came and my Spirit to God who gave it hoping for the Resurrection to Almighty God First I give unto Mary Shields my Negro Wench Rachel During her Natural Life and at and after her Decease it is my Will and Desire that the said Negro wench Rachel be the property of Mary Shields Daughter Elizabeth Shields and it is my Will and Desire that all the Increase of said Negro wench Rachel be Equally Divided between Mary Shields two Daughters Elisabeth and Rebecca Shields. secondly. I give unto Rebecca Shields my Negro Boy Dick unto her proper use when she arrives at the age of Sixteen years Thirdly it is my Will and desire that my Old negro Wench Sal shall be free and at her own Liberty three months after my Decease and not to be stript of her Bedding or any thing that was Deemed to be hers in time past fourthly it is my Will and Desire that after all my just debts be paid and other Charges that the residue of my Estate be Equally divided between Phillip Shields Henry Shields, Abraham Shields and Rosannah Wells Except my wearing Apparrel and my Will is that what kind or Sort soever I Leave be Equally Divided and the one half given to Solomon Shields Son of Phillip and the other half to be given to my Negro boy Dick. Fifthly I appoint Henry Shields Overseer over this my Last Will and Testament disannulling all other Heirs claiming any Rights to this Estate I hereby renounce and Disannul all Administrations Allowing said Henry Shields Six months after my Decease to Settle and Accomplish my. In Witness whereof I the said John Macconican have to this my Last Will and Testament Sett my hand and affixt my Seal this 21st Day of August Annoque Domini One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty two Signed Sealed and delivered By said John Macconikin as and for his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who were present at the Signing and Sealing thereof

Joshua Gray
James Hawkins
Daniel Smith

John Macconikin (Seal)

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

Anne Arundel County ss. The 12th. November 1782 } Then came Joshua Gray and Daniel Smith two of the subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that