Imprimis I will and desire, that my Executors hereinafter nominated and appointed by me, do discharge and pay all debts justly due and owing from me, and do collect and receive for the benefit of my Estate, all debts and dues owing unto me in good and reasonable time, at their discretion; in order to make the dividends and discharge the legacies herein after given and bequeathed by me. —

Item I will and desire that my Executors hereinafter named sell at public sale the following Negroes namely, Bess, Jenny, Ned and Cate in order to discharge my just debts, that maybe brought against my Estate. —

Item I will and devise unto my dear Wife Hannah Mayo for and during her life all that Tract of Land called Bole almanack also that Tract of Land called the Neglect or Rainey Day but since the afores.d Two Tracts or parcels of Lands as been resurveyed by me and with the Vacant Land included therein now known and called Point Lookout, with all and singular its appurtenances, Also one hundred and fifty Acres of another Tract or parcel of Land called the United Friendship lying contiguous to said Point Lookout, with its appurtenances (and it is my desire) that the aforesaid one hundred and fifty shall be laid off in such manner as to lay that part and the residue of said Tract, as square and conveniently can be done. It is my further desire that my loving Wife shall have the follow Negroes, Namely, George, Peter, Lucy, Nan, Sarah, Hagar and Dennis also my House Clock and plate, and the residue of my personal Estate to her and her heirs forever. —

Item I will and devise unto my brother Philemon Mayo his heirs and assigns forever the Residue of that Tract called the United Friendship which is not given to my dear Wife with its Appurtenances

Item I will and devise unto my two brothers Thomas Mayo and Philemon Mayo their Heirs and Assigns forever the afore mentioned Tract of Land called Point lookout, and also that part of United Friendship which I have ~~heretofore~~ given to my Wife Hannah Mayo during her natural life with their Appurtenances, to be equally divided between the aforesaid Thomas Mayo and Philemon Mayo. —

Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my dear Wife Hannah Mayo, and Joshua Merriken to be my only lawful Executors of this

my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and Annulling all other or former last Will or Wills and Testaments made and executed by me and declaring this and none other to be my only true and last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my Name and affixed my Seal publishing and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament in Presence of the Attestators hereto who heard me publish and declare; and saw me sign and seale the same as my only true and last Will and Testament. —

Signed; sealed published and declared by me, as my last Will and Testament in the presence of the Witnesses hereto; who heard me publish and declare, and saw me sign and seal the same this 4th day of December Anno Domini 1786 — Joseph Mayo (Seal)

Elizabeth Walker
Jesse Hall
Rachel Stevens

At the foot of the aforegoing Will was thus Written viz.

Ann Arundel County S.t September 19th 1787 — Then Came Elizabeth Walker and Jesse Hall 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 Joseph Mayo sign and seal this Will and that they heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they together with Rachel Stevens 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 Reg Wills Ann Arundel Cty

Examined & Recorded one of the Exors Renunciation see folio 40

~~I Joshua Merriken the Appointed Executor in the last Will and testament of Joseph Mayo late of Anne Arundel County Deceased do hereby refuse to act as Executor to said by virtue of said Appointment and do therefore Renounce all my right title to said Executorship accordingly~~

~~September 19 1787~~ — ~~Joshua Merriken~~
~~Test Jesse Hall~~