In the Name of God Amen I Joshua Yates of Anne Arundel County in the State of Maryland being in perfect Health of Body and of sound disposing Mind Memory and Understanding considering the Certainty of Death and the Uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly Affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this 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 Executrix hereinafter named and after my just Debts and funeral Charges are paid I give and bequeath as follows

I give and bequeath unto Frances Davis Daughter of Robert Pain Davis of Anne Arundel County the Sum of thirty five pounds current Money —

Item I give and devise unto Frederick Green of the City of Annapolis the Sum of twenty five pounds current Money

Item I give and devise unto Margaret Davis Sister to my Wife Frances Yates to her and her Heirs and Assigns for ever all that part of a Lot of Ground lying and being in the City of Annapolis with the several Houses and Improvements thereon) given and bequeathed unto me by the last Will and Testament of Rachel Yates late of the City of Annapolis

Item I give and devise all the Rest and Residue of my Estate both real and personal unto my dear and loving Wife Frances Yates to her and her Heirs and Assigns for ever — but it is my Wish and Desire that all my Negroes should become free at the Death of my said Wife this however to be entirely at her pleasure and Discretion

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear Wife Frances Yates to be the sole

Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this sixteenth Day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Testator Joshua Yates as and for his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who at his Request and in his Presence have subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto } Joshua Yates (Seal)

James Shaw Junr.
William Wootton Brewer
William Walker
S Green

On the back of the foregoing Will was thus Written Vizt. Anne Arundel County Sct. } Then came William Wootton Brewer and William Walker the 16th Day of August 1793 two of the subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Joshua Yates late of Anne Arundel County deceased and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named sign and seal this Will and that they heard him publish pronounce 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 a sound disposing mind Memory and Understanding and that they together with James Shaw Junr. and Samuel Green 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 Wm Gassaway Regr Wills AA Cty

Anne Arundel County Sct. } Then came Frances Yates the the 4th Day of October 1798 } Executrix appointed in the within Will and made Oath on the holy Evangels of