In the name of God Amen I James Helse of Anna
rundel County in the State of Maryland, being very sick
and weak in body but of sound mind memory and under:
standing considering the certainty of Death and 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 pub:
lish this my last Will and Testament as follows to wit —

First I give and bequeath unty my loving wife Mary Helse all the
household furniture that I became possessed of by my intermarriage
with the said Mary, at the time of my intermarriage; together
with all my plate, a horse named Swan and public securities
dated the Twenty eighth day of January seventeen hundred &
Ninety three to wit, six ℘ Cents, seventy five Dollars ninety
seven Cents, In three ℘ Cents seventy three Dollars seventy foure
Cents In defered Thirty seven Dollars ninety eight Cents I likewise
give & bequeath to my said Wife Mary the four following Negroes
to wit, A negro Man named Prince A Negro Woman named
Charlotte, and two Negro Girls named Peg and Hannah, the
above mentioned Negro Prince not to be delivered to her till after
finishing whatever Crop may be in the Ground at the time of
my decease, And whereas I have brought suit against Charles
Walker of Baltimore County in the General Court for the Western
Shore on a Bond dated the fourteenth day of October, seventeen
hundred and eighty nine, conditioned for the payment of
the sum of, three hundred and eighty three pounds seven Shil:
lings & three pence Current Money, for which I expect Judgment
at the next May Term and whereas the said Judgment may
not be obtained during my life, And in that case the amount
of the said Bond together with the Interest & Costs of suit will
again become the property of my said Wife Mary, My will is,
that the said Debt Interest & Costs shall be calculated and

whatever sum the said Debt Interest and Costs may fall
short of the sum of Twelve hundred and fifty one pounds
seven Shillings and three pence shall be paid to my said
Wife Mary, out of and as soon as it can be recovered upon
a Bond for which I have already obtained Judgment
against the said Charles Walker which has been removed
by a writ of Error to the Court of Appeals which I request my
Executors hereafter named to recover as soon as the Law will
admit in such way as they may think best, but provided
Judgment may be obtained before my decease on the first
mentioned Bond for three hundred and eighty three pounds
seven Shillings and three pence, then my Will is, that the
amount of said Bond together with Interest and Costs be paid
to my said Wife as soon as it can be recovered from the aforesaid
Charles Walker, together with whatever sum it may fall
short of the sum of twelve hundred and fifty one pounds seven
Shillings and three pence, which sum shall be paid as afore:
said to my said wife Mary as soon as it shall be recovered from
the aforesaid Charles Walker upon his Bond for which I have
already obtained Judgment as above mentioned — And the
above bequests is to be considered in full of her right of Dower
of my Estate real and personal — And from the tender regard
I entertain for my said loving Wife Mary I request of her not
to permit the aforesaid Charles Walker or any other person
for his use to retain or borrow any part of her Money as she
well knows how cruelly he has used his other sister & sisters
Children, by applying to his own use, Moneys lodged in his
hands in confidence, and which some of them now say they
have little prospect of ever recovering. And my wish farther
is that with the advice of her friends she may purchase either
public securities or Bank stock which will ensure her regular