to hold the said Lands and every part thereof to my said daughters and their heirs, equally to be divided between them from and after the death of my said wife — — — — —

Item I give devise and bequeath unto my said wife my negro Men Peter and Solomon and I do hereby Will and desire that Peter shall serve my said wife for the term of seven years, and that Solomon shall serve my said wife ten years, and that then and thenceforth the said Peter and Solomon be absolutely free and discharged from slavery in virtue of this my Will, their freedom to commence from the expiration of their respective terms of servitude — — —

Item. I give and bequeath unto my said wife five head of horses (such as she may choose from my whole stock) all my black Cattle and Hogs, twelve head of Sheep all my plantation Utensils and household furniture — — — — — — — — —

Item I give devise and bequeath unto my two Sons Edward Johnson Coale and William Coale all the rest and residue of my Estate, real personal and mixed, To have and to hold the same to them & their . . . heirs forever, but it is my Will and desire that the said residue so devised to my two Sons be charged with the payment of all my Just debts, and particularly with the payment of a sum of money due to my brother Thomas's Estate for the purchase of the Lands above mentioned called Coale's Choice part of which I have devised to my Wife and daughters as above, and to enable my said two Sons to raise Monies for the purposes aforesaid by the Sale of the said residue to them devised as aforesaid I do hereby authorise and empower my Son Edward Johnson Coale and my Son William who is now a minor and under the Age of twenty one years to sell the whole of the residue so devised to them as aforesaid or any part thereof and to make good and sufficient conveyances therefor — —

Item. But if it should happen that my said Sons should not be able to obtain a title to my Wife and daughters of the Lands devised to them as above called Coales Choice on the payment of the balance now due for them, I do then and in that case order Will and direct that my said two Sons shall lay out and invest the sum of six hundred pounds (to be raised from the residue to them devised)

in the purchase of Wood Land convenient to my dwelling plantation and convey the same or cause it to be conveyed to my said Wife for life and the remainder thereon and thereof to my three daughters aforesaid and their heirs forever to be equally devided between them, and in case my said Sons should not be able to procure such Wood land I do then will and desire they shall well and truly pay to each of my daughters aforesaid the sum of two hundred pounds Current Money. Lastly I do hereby Nominate and Appoint my dear Wife and my two Sons Edward Johnson and William Executors of this my last Will and Testament, In Testimony that the above is my last Will and Testament, I the said Samuel Stringer Coale have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this third day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Ninety eight —

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the Testator as his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who at his request have signed the same as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other —

Sam. S. Coale (seal)

H. Ridgely
Rich. Hopkins
Sam. Stringer

At the foot of the aforegoing Will are the following Probates Viz.

Anne Arundel County fct the 28th day of September 1798 } Then came Ann Coale, Edward Johnson Coale and William Coale and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of Samuel Stringer Coale late of Anne Arundel County deceased, that hath come to their hands or possession, and that they do not know of any other —

Sworn before

Jno. Gassaway Reg. Wills AA Co.