friend and Wife (whose memory is and ever will be dear to me) to manumit some of our Slaves for their faithful services; I do therefore in consideration thereof and that my own mind most chearfully assents to such request, hereby manumit and discharge from Slavery the following Negroes and Will and direct that they and each of them be free immediately after my death to wit, Shoe maker Daniel, Carpenter Ned, house Charles and David, they being all brothers, also the yellow woman Bet and her youngest child Charles and I further request that my daughter Sophia Mercer will pay to the said woman Bet, in quarterly payments at the rate of twenty Dollars annually or an equivalent at the election of Bet during the natural life of the said Bet for her particular care and attention to her late Mistress during her long and severe illness — — — — — —

And Lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my daughter Sophia Mercer Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this thirty first day of July in the year seventeen hundred and ninety eight.

Signed Sealed published and declared by Richard Sprigg the above named Testator 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 —

Richard Sprigg (Seal)

Sprigg Junr
Willson Waters
Philip Pindell

— " —

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

Anne Arundel County Sc } Then came Sophia Mercer and made Oath
the 5th day of December 1798 } on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that the within Instrument of writing is the true whole and last Will and Testament of Richard Sprigg late of Anne Arundel County deceased that hath come to her hands and possession and that she doth not know of any other —

Sworn before

Jno Gassaway Reg Wills AActy

Anne Arundel County Sc } Then came Willson Waters one of the
the 8th day of December 1798 } subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Richard Sprigg late of Anne Arundel County deceased, and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see the Testator therein named sign and seal this Will and that he 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 his apprehension of a sound, disposing mind memory, and understanding, and that he together with Richard Sprigg Junr and Philip Pindell the other subscribing Witnesses respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will, in the presence and at the request of the Testator and all in the presence of each other —

Sworn before

Jno Gassaway Reg Wills AActy

Anne Arundel County Sc } Then came Philip Pindell one of the
the 10th day of December 1798 } subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Richard Sprigg late of Anne Arundel County deceased and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see the Testator therein named sign and seal this Will and that he 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 his apprehension of a sound disposing mind memory and understanding and that he together with Richard Sprigg Junr and Willson Waters the other subscribing Witnesses — respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and all in the presence of each other —

Sworn before

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In the name of God Amen I Henry Hall of Ann Arundel County and State of Maryland being in bodily health and of sound and perfect mind & memory, considering the uncertainty of human life and wishing to dispose of my worldly Estate which it has pleased God to bless me with, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made