also went there, that the said Boone was then extremely ill & in the opinion of this deponent not in his senses, but that he then requested this deponent to wait & sign his Will as a Witness, the said Mr. Cromwell was then a writing or preparing to write it, that this deponent did wait and at the request of the Testator did sign the same after he saw the testator sign it, and heard him declare and acknowledge the same to be his last Will & testament ~ that when it was brot to him to sign it he said stop he must go to the pot first, that he did accordingly go before he signed it, this deponent further says that he heard the said Testator on the day he executed the Will say but five words ~ this deponent further says that on the sunday before mentioned he informed this deponent he should dispose of his property as follows to Wit: His Mare Fly & Colt to his Mother ~ a slipe of Land to his brother Robert ~ that he did not say any thing about a cart road for his brother John. To his Wife the following Negroes Joshua until he was thirty years of age. Hagar until she was 25 years and after the said period to be free ~ An Old Woman Lil to be free immediately ~ The residue of his estate to be equally divided between his Mother & Wife that on the said sunday untill this deponent was there about 12 O'clock the fever raised on the said Boone that he then became in this deponents opinion delirious and talked all manner of Nonsense This deponent further says that he cant say whether the fever was high on the Monday, that he did not then talk any kind of Non-sense but the few words he did hear him speak were rational ~ that this deponent judgid he was out of his senses from his looks and appearance alone not from his words or Actions ~

taken in open Court this 14th Day of July 1801

Nathan Williams

The Deposition of Mark Stuart, being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, respecting the Will of Thomas Boone late of Anne Arundel County deceased; deposeth and saith, that he saw the said Thomas Boone the Sunday before he executed his Will, he was then very ill that the monday following he went again to him to settle an account between them that on that day between twelve and one O'clock he saw the said Boone, that his mother when this deponent first went there requested him to wait to Witness his Will that they were

then about drawing that this deponent did so that when they went to the room where he was it was mentioned by some of the company that he wanted Shaving, that he was raised up in his bed and shaved that during the operation he told them to make haste that he was not able to support himself that this deponent held him up until it was finished ~ that previous to the shaving of him he had signed the Will and acknowledge it to be his last Will and testament, that he was very low and when he laid down would fall into a slumber and talk in a rambling way ~ this deponent further says that he dont think he was in his senses at the time he signed the Will ~ that in about three hours from the time he signed the will this deponent told him he had come to settell the account and asked him if he would settell, that he replied this deponent could do it himself, that he accordingly from the money he had in hand raised from wood this deponent had carried to Market & sold for him he deducted twenty dollars he had before lent him, and then paid six Dollars the balance ~ that he received the money and when his Wife come into the room gave it to her and told her to take it and take care of it ~ this deponent further saith that in his opinion there was no difference as to the capacity of the said Boone at the time he signed the Will and when he spoke to him about the account & when he received the money and gave it to his Wife with the charge aforesaid ~ This deponent further saith that Nathan Williams the other Witness to the Will is the brother to the Mother of the said Thomas Boone and further he saith not ~

taken in open Court this 14th July 1801 Mark Stuart

The Deposition of Francis Cromwell being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, respecting the Will of Thomas Boone late of Anne Arundel County deceased, deposeth and saith ~ That on the Sunday before the execution of the Will he was sent for to come to the said Thomas Boone in the morning that the Messenger informed this deponent he did not think him very ill and that he supposed the evening would be time enough; that late Sunday evening he went, and when he came to the house he found him to be in a high fever and a littell delirious in this deponent Opinion who remained with him all night and about 12 O'Clock at Night the fever