other Wills by me heretofore made, and declaring this and no other to be my last Will and Testament I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Third Day of February Anno Domini 1801 ~

The mark of
R H (Seal)
Rachel Howard

Signed Sealed published and pronounced and declared by the said Rachel Howard to be her last Will and Testament in our presence, who in her presence and in the presence of each other, and at her request Subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto

Robert Alcock
Ambrose Davis
Joseph Owings

Anne Arundel County sct. Then came Brice Howard and made the 16th Day of May 1801 ~ I Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, that the within Instrument of Writing is the true and whole Will and Testament of Rachel Howard late of Anne Arundel County deceased, that hath come to his hands or possession, and that he doth not know of any other ~

Sworn before Jno. Gassaway, Reg. Wills. A. A. Coy

Anne Arundel County sct. } Then came Robert Alcock one of the
the 16th Day of May 1801. } Subscribing Witnesses to the Within last Will and Testament of Rachel Howard late of Anne Arundel County deceased, and made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God, that he did see the Testatrix therein Named sign and seal this Will and that he heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and Testament, that at the time of her so doing, she was, to the best of his Apprehension of sound and disposing Mind Memory and Understanding, and that he together with Ambrose Davis and Joseph Owings respectively Subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will, in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other ~

Sworn before Jno. Gassaway. Reg. Wills A. A. Coy

Sir Being appointed one of the Executors under the last Will and Testament of Rachel Howard late of Anne Arundel County deceased, and not being Willing to Undertake the same, I do hereby renounce all my Right to the same, given under my hand this 27th Day of May 1801 ~

John Rowan

To Mr. John Gassaway. Reg. Wills ~

In the Name of God. Amen. I Richard Weedon junior of Anne Arundel County in the State of Maryland, being at this present time weak and low in bodily health, but of sound and disposing Mind Memory and understanding, for which I render unfeigned thanks to Almighty God ~ do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament ~

Imprimis I recommend my Soul to the mercy of God, hoping through the merits and intercession of a blessed Redeemer to attain eternal felicity in a future state ~ And my Body I desire may be committed to the Earth in a decent manner at the discretion of my dearly beloved Wife, the Executrix herein after named ~

Item I will and desire that all my just Debts and funeral Expences may be paid by my Executrix as soon after my decease as may be convenient; And after they are severally discharged and receipts taken for the same, I will and bequeath all the residue and remainder of my Estate in manner following, Viz. My Executrix herein after named is to call in my two Neighbours Horatio Redout and Thomas Stinchcomb (or) (in case of their death or the death of either of them) (any other two persons in the neighbourhood of good characters and disinterested minds) who are to make out in writing an Inventory of my property of every kind and denomination and make an Appraisement of the same in current money, according to the best of their skill and judgements ~ And the said two persons so to be called in, shall allott and lay off and deliver to my dearly beloved Wife one third, in value, of my Estate or property as and for my said Wifes dower or thirds and the remaining two thirds I will and bequeath to my Children, Jonathan, Julianne and Eliza, (and any other Child or Children that I may hereafter have by my said Wife) to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, to be delivered and paid to my said Children as they respectively arrive at Age ~ And my Will and desire further is that so long as my dear Wife shall remain a Widow and unmarried, she be the Guardian of my said Children; But if she should marry again, they shall then be at liberty to choose their respective Guardians according to the laws of the State of Maryland ~ And during such time as my said Wife may or shall act as Guardian to my said Children it is my Will and desire and I do hereby order and direct that she shall have the free use and enjoyment of their respective parts of my property, devised and given to them as aforesaid, without