John Young and his Lawfull heirs for Ever my Sister Elizabeths Son Except one Acre of Ground Laying On the north Side of the House where I now live Which I allot and reserve for a burying place for myself for Ever and my heirs I Will my Negro Man Cauls Philip free in twelve Month after my decease during that time he is to serve Samuel Gardiner and have his liberty I Will my negro woman Charlotte To Serve Samuel Gardiner after my decease untill Her Child Philip is five years old and then to be free I Will that the Said Child Philip now about one year old Shall Serve Samuel Gardiner and his heirs untill he is Twenty five years old and then free I Give and bequeath Unto Elizabeth Young five Shillings of my Estate and no more I Give and bequeath Unto Mary Holland five Shillings & no more of my Estate I Give and bequeath Unto Danuel Sympson son of John Sympson five Shillings of my Estate and no More — Item Give and bequeath Unto Zachariah Riston one Cow and Calf and no More of my Estate. Item I give and bequeath Unto Samuel Gardiner all the residue of my Estate Consisting of Household and Chitchen Furniture Stock of all Kinds Plantation Utensils all my Cash and Every thing thereunto belonging to him the said Samuel Gardiner and his heirs for Ever. —

And lastly I Constitute and appoint Samuel Gardiner the Hole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby making void and of no effect all other wills whatever heretofore by me made

Signed sealed and acknowledged By the testator to Be his last Will and Testament in the presents of us at his Request have Subscribed our names Witness thereto

Witness, George Watts
Richard his + Day mark
Thomas his + Bigdoll mark

Benjamin Riston (Seal)

Anne Arundel County Sct } Then came the 22d. Day of April 1812 } Samuel Gardiner and made Oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God that the within Instrument of Writing is the true and Whole last Will and Testament of Benjamin Riston late of Anne Arundel County deceased. that hath Come to his hands possession or knowledge. and that he doth not know of any other. —

Sworn before Jno. Gassaway Reg. Wills aa Cty —

Anne Arundel County Sct } Then came George Watts, Richard Day and Thomas Bigg the 22d. Day of April 1812 } all the three Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Benjamin Riston late of Anne Arundel County deceased,

and made Oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did See the Testator therein Named Sign and Seal this Will and that they 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 their apprehensions of Sound disposing mind Memory and Understanding. and that 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 aa Cty —

Dear Brother and Sister I have Taken this Opportunity Writing these few lines to Inform you that I am very well at this present time and hopeing that it will Likewise find you and your Little Family in the same, thanks be to god I have once more Arived Safe again from the west Indies we were Bound to Philadelphia and there I Continued for about Nine weeks from thence I Came to Baltimore and there have ben since. Should be happy to see you all again but I Expect it will not soot before the fall comes one very likely this Summer I may Take another Voage out. Suppose I go on Board of a fast Sailing armed Vessel. but Times being so very Critieall and Warr so fast approaching on. it is uncertaing how Things may Turne out with me. yet I shall write you a few more lines short for you to read, a the Ocean wide and deep it be, Ware many a poor Soal do lay, you doath no. and it may be my hayse two Two Relations of you Near I only have. Daniel is more able to provide for himself therefore What Money I possess is left now at William Beards on on the point. in Care of his Wife. and all my Cloaths Likewise besides what few I keep on Board with me which be many I have Bought left there with her therefore my Money I Tenden for polly Carmes my Nece to her. is my wife. it should be done, as for my Cloathes and many a usefull artical in my Chest and in possession of Mrs. Beard if you find them all will see, which my Cloaths and many other articles does you please with them, for my mind perswades me that I Never shall die Near you and then I perswade you hear it when you will persue on after it quick else you migh be shown to share very little part of it. which many day and Night I have strove by the sweet of my Brow to gether it together. and might safe you many a hard days labour also. I would thank you if its Convenient for to write me a few lines if you please send it by the post to Baltimore Direct it to me to be left at William Beards Block maker on Fells point the man whom Carry the letter