In the Name of God Amen, I Bennett Darnall of Portland Manor Ann Arundell County, being in perfect health of Body and of sound disposing mind, memory, and understanding, considering the certainty of Death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs, and thereby be better prepared to leave this World when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make this my last Will & Testament & publish the same in manner & form following, that is to say.

First & principally I commit my Soul into the hands of almighty God, and my body to the earth to be decently buried, and after my debts, and funeral are paid I devise and bequeath as follows.

I give and bequeath unto my son Nicholas Darnall and his heirs forever all that Tract or Parcell of land whereon I now live call "Portland Manor" & which was bought from John Darnall by my Uncle Philip Darnall & which was given to me by my said Uncle; except a small part that adjoins the land I purchased of my Nephew Philip Darnall which lays on the South side of a Fence: I also give unto my said Son Nicholas Darnall the sum of Two thousand Dollars to be paid to him without Interest when he arrives to the age of twenty one years.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Darnall & his heirs forever all that Part of Portland Manor not herein before devised, which lies on the South side of a Fence and adjoins the land I bought of my Nephew Philip Darnall called "Birkheads Parcell". I also give unto my said Son Henry Darnall & his heirs forever all that Tract or parcell of land which I bought of my Nephew Philip Darnall called Birkheads Parcell containing one hundred & twenty acres more or less. I also give unto my said son Henry Darnall & his heirs forever all that Tract or parcell of land called "Portland Manor" which was given to me by my Brother Richard Darnall; I likewise give to my son Henry Darnall two thousand Dollars to be paid to him when without Interest when he arrives at the age of twenty one years.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son William Darnall & his heirs forever all that Tract or parcell of land called "Portland Manor" which lays on the West side of the Cabin Branch & from the said Branch to the main Road that goes to Annapolis, nearly to the Quarter called the old Quarter, the said main Road being the Division between this land & the land I shall hereafter give to my son Philip Darnall.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Son Philip Darnall & his heirs forever all my Tract or Parcell of land called "Portland Manor" not before bequeathed, which lies on the West side of the main Road before mentioned that leads to Annapolis; I also give to my said son Philip Darnall & his heirs forever all that Tract or parcell of land called "Portland Landing" containing about two hundred acres more or less, I also give my said son Philip Darnall & his heirs forever all that Parcell of land which I purchased out of his Lordship's Manor called "Darnall's Purchase". I also give unto my said son Philip Darnall & his heirs forever my House & Lots at Pig Point.

Item. I will and devise that in case either of my aforesaid sons Nicholas, Henry, William and Philip should die before the age of twenty one years or without leaving issue begotten of their Bodies, that then in such case the land devised to the son or sons so dying shall go to the Survivor or Survivors as the case may be & their Heirs forever equally to be divided.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my four sons before mentioned (viz) Nicholas, Henry,

William & Philip Darnall & their Heirs, Executors & administrators, all the rest & residue of my Estate real, personal & mixed; & I further devise that in case any of said four sons shall die before the age of twenty one years without leaving children or a child living at the time when any of my said Sons shall so die before the age of twenty one years, that then & in such the personal property by this Will bequeathed to the son or sons so dying before twenty one years, shall go to the Survivor or Survivors equally to be divided. and I also devise & bequeath that The rest & residue of my Estate real, personal & mixed, so as aforesaid bequeathed unto my four Sons in the aforegoing clause in this my Will shall be held by them as Tenants in Common equally to be divided between them.

Item. I do hereby declare that my four Sons herein before mentioned, (viz) Nicholas, Henry, William & Philip are the children of Susanna formerly my Slave but now deceased, and are the same whose names, together with Benjamin David, are included in a deed of manumission bearing date on or about the 8th day of may 1806, executed by myself and recorded in the Records of Ann Arundel County, and that my four sons aforesaid are the same whose names are included in a deed of manumission bearing date on or about the day of 1810, and executed by me for greater caution fearing that the said former deed might not be sufficiently discriptive of the persons intended.

And lastly. I do hereby constitute and appoint Doctr. John T. Shaaff of Annapolis and William Darnall to be Executors of this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made, ratifying & confirming this & none other to be my will & Testament. In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this Fourth day of August Anno Domini Eighteen hundred & ten.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Bennett Darnall the above mentioned Testator, as and for his last Will & Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request & in his presence have subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto.

Bent. Darnall (Seal)

David Carscud
David Stewart
Theodore Hodgkins.

I Bennett Darnall the Testator in the within last Will and Testament, do hereby make this my Codicil thereto. that is to say.

I do hereby manumit and set at full liberty and freedom the following Slaves, to wit, Glem, Jacko, Eleanor and Rachel, which said Slaves are the children of Deborah, formerly my House Keeper, but now deceased; also Bartholemew commonly called Tolley, and Hannah the daughter of the said Bartholemew and Eleanor.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Son Henry Darnall and his heirs forever, the sum of Three Thousand dollars, in addition to what I have already bequeathed him in my Will, which sum is to be paid him without interest when he arrives at the age of twenty one years.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Nicholas Darnall and his heirs forever, the sum of Three Thousand dollars, in addition to what I have already bequeathed him in my Will, which sum is to be paid him without interest when he arrives at the age of twenty one years.

Hereby ratifying and confirming my said last Will and testament in all parts but inconsistent with this my Codicil. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of November, Eighteen hundred and twelve.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Bennett Darnall the above mentioned Testator, as and for a Codicil to his last Will and Testament, in the

Bent. Darnall (Seal)