26.

Marsh Court

To ye Worshipp^ll Justices of Colnort County.

The petition of Ann Simson

Humbly sheweth

That ye petition^rs husband dyed in October Last past

Simsons petit. and left with ye petition^r four small children & small stock of Eggs & Cattle wch Severall small debts wch have been demanded, but the persons indebted refuse paym^t because I have not administred. But through the hardness of the weather what stock ye petition^r had left is fallen to dearth.

Wherefore ye petition^r having nothing to administer upon but a few small debts Humbly implores ye Worshipp^ll to take into ye serious consideration ye condition of ye petitioner & her poore children & grant y^t will may be recorded p mord^r of Court for the paym^t of those debts due to the Estate of the deceased for a supply & to maintaine ye petition^r & children and as in duty bound

Shall ever pray &c.

Ordered by the Court y^t this Letters of Exquestration & y^t the will be recorded as followeth (vizt.)

In the name of God Amen the 29th day of September Anno Dni 1691 I Jeremiah Simpson of Colnort County in the Province of Maryland being sick in body but of good & perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to remembrance ye uncertainty of Estate of this transitory Life & y^t all flesh must yeild unto death when it shall please God to call doe make constitute ordaine & declare this my last will & Test^mt in manner & forme following revoking & undulling by these p^sents all & every Testament & Testaments will & wills heretofore by me made declared either by word or writing, and this is to be taken only for my last will & Testament & none other. And first being penitent & sorry from the bottome of my heart for my sins past most humbly desiring forgiveness of the same. I give & recommitt my soule unto Almighty God my Creator & Redeemer in whom & by the merits of Jesus Christ I trust & believe assuredly to be saved & to have full remission & forgiveness of all my sins & y^t my soul wth my body att ye generall day of resurrection, shall rise again wth Joy; and through ye merits of Christs death & passion possesse & inherit ye Kingdome of heaven prepared for his Elect & chosen, and my body to be buried in such place, where it shall please my Executrix hereafter named, to appoint And now for the settling of my temporall Estate & such goods chattells & debts as it hath pleased God, far above my deserts to bestow upon me I doe order give & dispose the same in manner & forme following (that is to say)

First, I will y^t all those debts & duties as I owe in Right or Conscience to any manner of p^son or p^sons whatsoever shall be well & truely contented & paid or ordained to be paid wth in convenient time after my decease by my Ex^trix hereafter named.

Marsh 1690.

27. Item I will & require y^t my Land be equally devided & y^t my Eldest sonne Jeremiah have his first choice, of the said Land to him & his heirs for ever.

~~Item I will & [illegible] unto my sonne Sam[illegible] Simpson all the other moiety of y^e~~ said Land after his Eldest brothers choice to him & his heirs for ever.

And in case either of my said sonns or both of them dye wth out issue y^t then ye Land of the said deceased shall fall & belong unto my younger sonne Thomas Simpson & his heirs for ever my dear & loving wife having her thirds in ye said Land during her Naturall life.

Item I will & bequeath unto my sonne John Simpson one heifer called Brinkle & to his heirs

Item I will & bequeath unto my sonne Thomas Simpson one row Calfe called Starr.

Item I will & bequeath unto my sonne Jeremiah Simpson one Mare called Nettle & the first Mare Colt the said Mare brings I doe bequeath unto my sonne John Simpson And ye next Mare Colt y^t the said Mare bringeth I doe bequeath unto my sonne Thomas Simpson, & his heirs. The rest of my goods & chattells I will & bequeath to be equally devided between only Charles Coleman I will & bequeath unto my younger sonne Thomas Simpson during his servitude. Item I doe hereby make ordaine constitute and appoint my dear & loving wife to be my sole Executrix.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal this Twenty Ninth day of September In ye year of our Lord God one Thousand six hundred & Ninety.

Signed sealed & dd — Jeremiah Simpson (Seal)

In the p^sence of
William Brooke
John ‡ Skippers
His Marke
Isaac I. B. Baker
His Marke.

March ye 12th 91

Then came Isaac Baker & John Skippers the wth in mentioned Witnesses and tooke their Oathes upon ye holy Evangelist y^t they did see Jeremiah Simpson sign & seale the wth in mentioned as his last will & Testament.

Sworne before me
Sam^ll Bourne.

Ordered by the Court that Andrew Ebington Administrat^r of John Poyns make update on the Estate of the said Poyns before Capt Samuell Bourne & Mr Thomas Sparslow & make return of their proceedings therein to the next Colnort County Court.