the said Testator and at his Request Sworn before

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And the Several Witnesses to the Said Will being now present their Severale Depositions are taken and follow in these Words -

Ralph Smith of Baltimore County farmer Deposeth and saith that he did see Edward Hall late of Baltimore County planter sign and Seal and heard him publish and declare as his Last Will and Testament a Paper hereunto Annexed purporting to be his last Will bearing date the fourth Day of June 1763 and that the Testator and this Deponant being very Intimate he was often telling Deponant of his Affairs and understood among other things that he had made his Will and given his whole Estate to his Wife upon which Deponant said he thought him wrong in doing so & that he ought to have done something for his Relations here Range[illegible] for his Wife after having Considered them after which this Deponant coming to the said Halls House after Dinner the said Edward Hall desired this Deponant to do him a favour which was to draw his Will to which Deponant telling him he had wrote a Will or two already walked into another Room and Being Calling to Deponant asked

him if he was doing any thing for him who Answering in the Negative the Deceased repeated his Request and related the Substance of the intended Will which was that he would give 200 to each of his Sisters and the rest of his Estate he would give to his Wife whereupon this Deponant penned the Will accordingly and afterwards read the same to Testator distinctly paragraph by paragraph and particularly asked him at the Close of each whether that was right to which he answered in the Affirmative whereupon Deponant recommended to him to send for his Witnesses who being come Deponant again in their presence read the said Will over to Testator who approved thereof whereupon said Edward Hall at the request of Deponant got out of Bed and sat down to a table in order to sign the same Attempting to do which the Testators hand shaking very much he said to Deponant you see I cannot write my Name whereupon at Deponants request the said Hall made his Mark and Deponant then wrote the deceased's Name to the said Mark by way of Explanation thereof and immediately the said Hall Published and Declared that (holding it up) to be his last Will and Testament whereupon this Deponant and the four other Witnesses whose Names are signed thereto did as Witnesses severally Sign their Names thereto in said Testators Presence and this Deponant saith that to the best