doth amongst other things fully appear, the tenor of which said last Will and Testament here follows in these words: In the Name of God Amen & the Eighteenth Day of December A.D. 1772. I John Davis of St Michaels river in the province of Maryland being sick in body but of sound & perfect Memory (thanks be to God) and considering the frailty of Mans life & that death is certain, tho the time and hour uncertain, Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, renouncing and hereby revoking all former and other wills by me heretofore made, and this to be taken for my last will and Testament and none other & first and principally I commit my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator not doubting its finding acceptance through the merits of my Saviour Jesus &c. and my body to the earth when it shall please God to call me hence, to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors herein hereafter named; and as for such worldly Estate as it has pleased God to bless me withall, I give devise & bequeath ye same in manner and form following (that is to say) first I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife the house and plantation wherein I now live for the term of her life unless she is minded to leave it wch the several Tracts of Land & adjoining to it, (viz) Batchelors point, Hopes Chance, The parsonage & the Brave keepout, with the addition, together with all the appurtenances, together with Negro Jack for the maintainance Education and bringing up of my younger Children John, & Tamberlane, David, Francis, Sybella & Elizabeth but not to leave the same or any part thereof to any person or persons whatever not to cutt or fell any more Timber than such as may be useful and necessary for the use and benefit of the ye plantation & after her decease or leaving of it, all the said Lands with & the ye Negroe to fall to my son John. Item I give and bequeath to my ye Wife the five Irons, in the Hall with the great Table in the Hall, and the looking Glass behind the ye Table; and after her decease the same to my son John,

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and so they shall remain with the House Mill as standards to the plantation from heir to heir, but not to be sold or Imbezled either with consent or without consent. But if any of them shall dye without issue then the Survivor or Survivors of them and the Heirs Males of his or their Bodys to Enjoy and so posess the same; and if it shall happen that they all dye without issue of their Bodies then to rest and settle in the next heir of me the ye John Davis forever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughters Frances, Sybella & Elizabeth Davis & their heirs five hundred Acres of Land lying in Kent County or Queen anns known and called by the name of Davis range (alias Rixam) with all its rights and priviledges thereunto belonging. Item. I give and bequeath unto my Grandaughter Tabitha (alias Dorcas) Davis part of a tract of Land lying or being on Nye river in Talbot County commonly known and called by the name or names of Widows Chance or Brewers Branches (That is to say) that part or parcel lying on the north side of Brewers Branch in the neck by Moses Harris's to her and the heirs males of her body Lawfully to be begotten for ever; but if she should dye without issue then the ye tract of Land to fall to Tamberlin Davis who is heir to the rest of that tract. Item. I give to the said Dorcas a black mare Branded with two D D. one on the Shelder & another on the Buttock and if the said mare shall miscarry then to have another out of the Estate as also 6 Ewes, 2 Cows with Calves, or Calves by their sides. Item. I give and bequeath to my Son Tamberlain Davis and to the heir males of his Body all the residue of the ye Tract of Land called by the name of Brewers Branch; But if it please God he dyes without issue then the ye Land to come to the next heir and not to be sold or Imbezled either with or without Consent. Item. I Give and bequeath to my son David Davis all the plantation lying and being near Miles River being part of a parcel of Land known by the name of Grofely with the appurtenances, to him and to the heirs of his body

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