Liber W.C. O. as it hath pleased God far above my desert to bestow upon me I do order give and Dispose the same in manner and forme follow-ing; that is to Say first I will that all those Debts and Duties as I owe in right or Conscience to any Manner of Person or Persons whatsoever Shall be well and truly Contented paid or ordained to be paid within Convenient time after my Decease by my Executors Hereafter named. Item I give and bequeath unto my Sonn Richard Wells that Plantacon I do now live upon at Herring Creek being Called by the name of Wells and laid out for six hundred acres also I do give unto my Said Sonn that parcell of Land Called Little Wells being laid out for one hundred acres adjoining to the Plantacon of Mr. Anthony Salway, also I do give unto my Son Richard Wells that parcell of Land Called Wells Hills being laid out for four hundred and twenty acres. Item I do give and bequeath unto my Son George Wells all my Land in Baltimore County named by three hundred acres Purchased of Capt. George Gould Smith Called the Planters Delight being now Seated also all my Land in Gun Powder River Comonly Called Wells Neck being laid out for Four hundred Seventy and five acres.

Item I do give and bequeath unto my Son John all that parcell of Land Called Langford's Neck Lying on the North side of Choptank River in Talbott County being Patented and laid out for fifteen hundred acres and was purchased of John Langford Gent.

Item I do give and bequeath unto My Son Robert Wells three hundred and fifty acres of Land Called West Wells Lying on the west side of the Plantacon I now live in Herring Creek Bay.

177 Item I do give and bequeath unto my Son Benjamine Wells all that parcell of Land Called Benjamins Choice being patented and laid out for two hundred and Eighty acres Lying to the west of adoordout belonging unto Mr. Francis Holland of Herring Creeke and in Case either of the two Youngest Brothers Robert or Benjamine Shoulde decease before they come to age that their Land falls to the Surviving brother of the two youngest.

Item I do give and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Sonnetime

Lib. W.C. O. time the wife of Mr. Anthony Salloway twelve pence.

Item I do give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ann the supposed wife unto Mr. John Stansby Chirurgeon twelve pence as a reward for her disobedience.

Item I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary wife unto Mr. Thomas Hockett three Cowes to be delivered after my decease in the County of annarundell Moreover I do give unto my daughter Mary one hundred pounds of Lawfull Money of England, to be paid in the City of London within twelve months after my Decease.

Item I do give and bequeath Moreover unto my five Sonns all my whole Estate that is remaining to be divided among them Both Cattle Goods Money in England Tobacco Debts Servants Negroes and all things whatsoever belonge thereunto in Maryland Virginia or in England and in Case either of these my Sonns shall decease before they come to age that his or their Porcons be divided amongst the Surviving brothers except the Land belonging to the two youngest brothers which upon the decease of one of them fall to the other now younger and Survivor and if these two Youngest both decease before they come to age then their Porcons shall be divided between the other brothers Surviving

178 Likewise by these presents I do Constitute Ordain & appoint my five Sons Viz. Richard Wells, George Wells, John Wells, Robert Wells, and Benjamin Wells to be my Executors and they to be executed and fulfilled the my last Will and Testament and to have the whole M[illegible] and disposing of my whole Estate both real and pe[illegible] In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seale

Signed and Sealed in the presence of
Francis Hockett
Bonham Turner
The marke of
Wm. X Linckolme

Jno. Ri. Wells (Seale) Senior

The above written will was on the one and thirtieth day of August Anno Dom. one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Seven in Common Form proved by the oath of Francis Hockett and Bonham Turner Witnesses thereto (Viz.) that the Said will was by the Testator Richard Wells Senr. in their presence