of the blessed Virgin Mary and St. Michael the arch Angell by every and equal portions the rent of four shillings Sterling silver or gold and for a fine upon every alienation of the said land or any part or parcell thereof one whole years rent in silver or gold or the full value thereof in such commodities as we and our heirs or such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed by us and our heirs from time to time to collect and receive the same shall accept in discharge thereof at the choice of us and our heirs or such officer or officers as aforesaid provided that if the said rents for a fine for alienation shall not be paid unto us and our heirs or such officer or officers as aforesaid before such alienation and the said alienation entered upon record either in the provincial Court or the County Court where the said parcell of land lyeth within one month next after such alienation the said alienation shall be void and of no effect given at our City of St. Marys under the great seal of our said Province of Maryland this tenth day of September in the ninth year of our Dominion & anno Domi one thousand six hundred eighty four. Witness our trusty and well beloved Coll. Henry Darnall and Coll. William Digges Commissaries Genll. of our said Province of Maryland.

I Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Copy from Liber C.B. No. 2. folio 526. out of the Record of Records belonging to the Western Shore Land office. I have hereto set my hand & affixed my Official Seal this 17th day of September 1821.

John Brewer Regr. L. Office W.S.

the plaintiff then offered in proof that Roger Taylor in the year 1767. was in possession of the said Lands and being so in possession duly made and executed his last will & Testament a copy of which ensues as follows to wit. In the name of God amen, the seventeenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred sixty four I Roger Taylor of Worcester County in the Province of Maryland being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto Almighty God, for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give & recommend my soul to the hands of God that gave it, and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner, at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life. I give devise and dispose of the same in the manner & form following that is to say—

I leave my dearly beloved sons Richard Taylor & Joshua Taylor to be my sole Executors to pay of my estate to my children as it is appraised. I will and bequeath one hundred and fifty five acres of land lying in the Forest near William Farlows, to be equally divided between my dearly beloved sons Joshua Taylor, Thomas Taylor and Elias Taylor in quantity and quality— also I will & bequeath unto my dearly beloved sons Richard Taylor and Elisha Taylor two hundred and ten acres of land lying on Fenwyes, each to be equally divided between them both. also I will and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Sarah Taylor, one hundred acres of land with my dwelling plantation during her widowhood and then to my beloved son Obed Taylor. also I will and bequeath to my dearly beloved son Obed Taylor fifty acres of land lying on Popes Island. also I will & bequeath to my dearly beloved son Alexander Taylor one young mare on Popes Island. Also I will & bequeath to my dearly beloved son Richard Taylor one young mare on Popes Island, and also I leave about half to my son Richard

Taylor, and also I give unto my son Alexander Taylor a Cow and Calf. also I give unto my dearly beloved Elisha Taylor one Cow and calf— and also I give unto my son Elisha Taylor one young mare— also I give unto Joshua Taylor a likely young Mare out of Winter Quarter Stock, and also a Cow and Calf. Also I will and bequeath unto my daughter Ann Taylor four head of young cattle and two young mares. Also I give unto my son Thomas Taylor four head of young Cattle, and also I give to my son Elias Taylor four head of young Cattle. And also I will and bequeath unto my dearly beloved daughter Betty Taylor two Cows and Calves & one young mare. And all the rest of my personal Estate, I give to my wife Sarah Taylor during her natural life, and then to be equally divided amongst my three children Bethesda Taylor, Betty Taylor and Obed Taylor: And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disanul all and every other former testaments wills and legacies bequests and Executors by me in any ways before this named willed and bequeathed, ratified and confirmed this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day & year above written. Roger his mark Taylor (Seal)

signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Roger Taylor as his last will and testament in the presence of us the Subscribers that is to say.

Testes Ezekiel Lingey his mark Brothers, Comfort her mark Turner

June 10th 1768. Then came Ezekiel Duer Lindsey Brothers and Comfort Turner the subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will and made oath, on the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God that they saw Roger Taylor the Testator sign seal, and heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of a sound disposing mind & memory & that they subscribed their names as Witnesses to said Will in presence of the Testator & at his request—

Sworn before Benton Harris Deputy Comy. of Worcester County.

N.B. at the same time Ezekiel Duer, who signed his name Ezekiel being examined on Oath deposeth and saith that he at the request of the said Roger wrote the foregoing Will and that the said Roger left the Lands as within expressed and as he apprehends devised the same to them and their heirs but did not as he remembers make use of those words but at the beginning of the Will the said Taylor told said Duer that he had one hundred acres of land (which s. Duer says is the best he had) that he would not put in the Will as his eldest son would have it without, as heir at law. And that the omission in the several paragraph (when the lands are given (of the words to them their heirs and assigns &c) was an omission of this deponents as he never wrote a Will before and did not know them words necessary therein, and further that when he this deponent signed his name as a Witness to s. Will he wrote Ezekiel which is his Christian name but forgot or omitted by his some mistake to write Duer his surname & further saith not. Ezekiel Duer. Sworn before Benton Harris Deputy Comy. of Worcester Co. June 10. 1768

June 10. 1768. Then came Sarah Taylor Wido. and relict of the within Roger Taylor & renounces her right of Dower as by law allowed, and elecketh in lieu thereof to stand and abide by the seven bequest made to her in the foregoing Will.

Before Benton Harris Deputy Comy. of Worcester County.

Worcester Sc. This is to certifie all that are concerned that we the Subscribers being appointed Executors of the last Will and Testament of Roger Taylor late of Worcester County deceased do renounce and refuse the same. as Witness our hands this 17th day of June Anno Dom 1768.—

Richard Taylor. Joshua his mark S. Taylor

To the Hon.ble Walter Dulany Esq. Comy. Genl. this Testes B. Harris.