the descendants of those who are dead, the children standing in the place of their parents, and shareing equally among themselves. But this clause shall extend only to my children, grandchildren and their lineal descendants.

2. To my beloved wife Charlotte, I also devise and bequeath all the personal property on Oakland, at the time of my decease, except as shall hereinafter be otherwise directed, and all the household furniture and personal effects, books, plate, carriages, and carriage and saddle horses, wines and liquors, in whatsoever place, of which I may die possessed, with the exceptions hereinafter specified.

3. And I hereby order and direct that all the slaves I leave shall be disposed of in the following manner: To my servant William and his wife, if he have one, I leave their freedom, together with one hundred dollars as an outfit. To my beloved wife I leave and bequeath any three male and three female servants, with the above exception, whom she may choose to keep. To all the other slaves at Oakland and elsewhere, I give their freedom on condition of their emigrating to Maryland, in Liberia. I allow them six months to deliberate upon the subject, during which time I request my friends, Joseph J. Speed, Dr. Edrington, Moses Sheppard and Charles Howard, to explain it to them fully and candidly, and during that period they shall remain at Oakland, or wherever they may be at the time of my death, in the service and possession of my beloved wife. To such of them as embrace this offer of freedom, I leave fifty dollars for each adult above the age of twenty-five, and to each of those under that age, one dollar for each and ever year of his or her age, which shall be paid to the four gentlemen above named, or the sur-

vivor or survivors of them, to be by them invested in such household effects and tools, and agricultural implements as they may deem most suitable, to be sent for, and with the persons so emancipated to Maryland in Liberia. If any of my said slaves shall refuse this order, I hereby devise and bequeath those that so refuse to my beloved wife for life, with reversions to my children; and I hereby authorize her to sell such as she may think proper at the time of their final refusal; the monies received for them to go into the residuum of my estate.

4. That Oakland may be unincumbered, I hereby order and direct that the mortgage on it to Mr. Gilmor shall be paid off immediately, and if the house I am now erecting there on the hill be unfinished at the time of my death, it shall be completed at the expence of my estate, according to the plans and designs I have adopted.

5. To my dear mother, I leave fifty dollars for a locket, to contain some of my hair, and also the watch I may be wearing at the time of my death, as mementoes of my affection and gratitude. I entrust my widow and children to her kindness and care; and I hereby entreat her to make the same provision for them as she would have made for me had I survived her.

6. To my dear sister Emily, I leave fifty dollars for a locket, to contain some of my hair as a memorial of my affection.

7. To my dear friend, Robert A. Gilmor, I leave my gold headed cane as a feeble testimonial of the affection and gratitude with which his kindness, and that of his excellant lady, to me and mine, have inspired me.

8. To my dear friend, Joseph J. Speed, I leave all my law books, as an evidence of my affection for him; and