and things herein alleged and contained, as fully as if the same were herein again repeated and interrogated, and to stand to, abide and perform such order and Decree as your Honours shall think fit to make touching and concerning the premises and your Orator as in Duty bound will pray &c.

G. Dulvall for Compt.

Ann Arundel County ss. On the fifteenth day of November 1785. Personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Justices of the County aforesaid Thomas Rutland the Complainant in the foregoing Bill mentioned, and made oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God, that the improvements alleged in the said Bill to have been erected by his Grand father, Thomas Rutland deceased, were as the Deponent has always been informed, and in his conscience, verily believes, erected by and at the expence of his said Grand father Thomas Rutland deceased after the sale and conveyance by Elizabeth Staines one of the defendants in the said Bill mentioned by the name of Elizabeth Spong together with her then husband Francis Spong as alleged in the said Bill. Allen Dyson.

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Rutland of Ann Arundel County being sick and weak of body but of sound perfect and disposing mind and memory thanks be to God calling to mind the uncertainty of life do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. Imprimis I recommend my soul to that almighty being that made me hoping for his mercy and forgiveness of all my sins my body I desire may be decently burried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named. Item my will and desire is that my dear wife should be paid of her effects agreeable to the marriage contract with me and that whatever I have of hers in my Possession should be delivered to her with all convenient speed after my decease and Letters Testamentary taken out except stock of all kinds which I desire may be wintered and taken care of till the Spring of the year at my expence and then delivered to her. Item I give and devise to each of my Grand Children by my daughter Mary Dorsey viz. Elizabeth, Mary, and Richard Dorsey three negroes a piece between the age of Eighteen and twenty years two of them to be Males and one female to be paid them by my Executor hereafter named as they respectively come of age or may be marged which shall first happen to the Girls at the age of sixteen to the boy at the age of twenty one.

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Item I give and devise to my grandson Thomas Rutland of Thomas Three negroes between the age of eighteen and twenty, two of them Males and one female to be paid him by my executor hereafter named at his age of twenty one or Day of Marriage which shall first happen.

Item I give and devise to my son Thomas Rutland whatever money he may be indebted to me by bond or otherwise and my will and desire is that he should have nothing to do with the rest of my Estate in any manner whatever.

Item I give and devise to my two daughter Ann and Mary one shilling sterling each, if demaned as their Part of my Estate.

Item I give and devise to old Mary Weakin a maintenance such as she has heretofore generally had to be found her by my Executor hereafter named.

Item my will and desire is that John Basill Greenwell and John Johnson should be discharged from their Indentures to me upon their giving Security to my executor hereafter named to pay me one half of their respective Debts now due to me and further will and desire is that Walter Little should be discharged from his whole Debt to me on paying or security as above mentioned for one half of such Debt. Item I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Snowden and her heirs forever the Land she now lives upon containing about nine hundred acres called Rutlands Purchase Enlarged except and always reserving to my heirs and Devisee Thomas Rutland son of Edmund the priviledge of getting Timber for necessary repairs on said Plantation also I give to my said daughter Elizabeth Snowden two hundred pounds currency to be paid by my executors within twelve Months after my decease. Item I give and devise my dwelling Plantation and all the Lands thereunto belonging and all my Houses and Lots in the City of Annapolis and all the rest and residue of my Estate of what nature or kind soever both real and Personal to my Grandson Thomas Rutland son of Edmund Rutland to him and his heirs forever and my will and desire is that John Hall of the City of Annapolis attorney at Law should direct and superintend his Education during minority and that he should have under his care and management all debts due to me by bond or Mortgage and that the bonds and securitys should be delivered to him by my Executor and that he shall and may receive the interest