and to execute a deed or deeds for the same to the purchaser or purchasers thereof in fee simple and that the said Thomas Usher, Joseph Usher, Samuel Johnson and Joseph Donaldson did take upon themselves the execution of the said will and obtained in due form of law, Letters testamentary to be to them granted

In the name of God amen. I Thomas Usher of Baltimore Town in Baltimore County Merchant being in a good state of health, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First, I commit my soul into the hands of god my creator and my body to the earth to be decently but frugally interred by my executors herein after named, and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I will and direct that all my just Debts and funeral Charges may be first paid out of my personal estate by my said executors as soon as possible after my decease. I give and devise to my beloved wife Catharine Usher all my household furniture plate and house linnen of every kind also my two negroes Sam and Pole or such other house negroes as I shall dye possessed off to hold to my said wife and to her heirs and assigns forever. I give and devise my said beloved wife Catharine the one full third part of the rest, residue and remainder of my personal estate (after the payment of my debts and legacies aforesaid) to hold to my said wife heirs and assigns forever and I also give and devise to my said wife her full right and claim of dower out of my real estate. I will and direct and I do hereby impower my executors herein after named or the survivors or survivor of them or such of them as shall take upon them to execute this will, do make sale of all and every part of my real estate and to execute a deed or deeds for the same to any purchaser or purchasers thereof in fee simple subject nevertheless to my said wifes Dower and the money arising by the sale thereof and all the rest, residue and remainder

of my estate of every kind whatsoever (not herein before disposed of) I will, devise and bequeath the same to be equally divided among my below Children Thomas Usher Joseph Usher, James Usher, Ann Usher, Robert Usher, Elizabeth Usher and Sarah Usher and such other child or children as I may hereafter have share and share alike, to hold to my said Children respectively and their heirs and assigns forever. But in case any of my said Children should die before they shall be of the age of twenty one years, intestate, unmarried and without issue then it is my will and I do hereby direct that the share or shares of such child or children so dying shall be equally divided among my surviving Children share and share alike, and lastly I do hereby appoint my said son Thomas Usher and my friends Samuel Johnston of Green Spring in Baltimore County Gent. and Mr. Joseph Donaldson of Baltimore Town Merchant executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills and testaments whatsoever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirty first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Thomas Usher as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who have subscribed our names as Witnesses to the same in the presence of the said Testator and at his request

Clemt. Brooke
Robt. Johnston
John Hammond

Thomas Usher (seal)

Baltimore County, to wit, On the 2d day of February 1786 came Clemt. Brooke and John Hammond two of the subscribing evidences to the aforegoing last will and testament of Thomas Usher deceased and made oath do that they did see the testator sign and seal this will that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound