Ratcliff the other half of that tract of land called Jacob and John Pasture and meat unto Hogneck to him and his male heirs for ever, with one forty foot Tobacco house, Item I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Ratcliff part of a tract of land called by the name of Jerusalem lying that part of the land that I sold to Col. Richard Tilghman hundred acres of land to him and his heirs for ever, Item, I give and bequeath unto my son John Ratcliff one steel Whipsaw Item. I give unto my well beloved wife Mary Ratcliff the plantation and all the moveables during her life and after her Decease the moveables to be equally divided amongst my three sons and two Daughters that is to say John William and Samuel, Alice and Mary Ratcliff Item I do appoint my wife Mary Ratcliff James and John Ratcliff to be wholly and solely Executors of this my Estate,

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of Witnesses — Richd. Ratcliff (Seal)

Jno. Allen Edmond E. E. Fish
Dennis Cain

Test Copy
Ele Valletta Regr.

Talbot County So. I hereby certify that I have Examined the above and foregoing Copy of the last will and Testament of Richard Ratcliff late of Talbot County deceased, with the original now in the Registry of the Orphans Court of Talbot County, and by Correction have made it a true Copy and that besides what is contained in the foregoing Copy there is two Endorsements Viz. (June 20th 1721) and Richard Ratcliffs will proved, In Testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the seal of the Orphans Court of Talbot County this 22nd day of September anno Domini 1784

(Seal of Orphans Ct. for T. Co.)

John Braces Regr. of Wills for Talbot County.

The Deed of bargain and sale next mentioned and referred to in the foregoing Bill of Exception comes in the following words and figures to wit, Among the Records of Talbot County it is Enrolled as follows, to wit Talbot County to wit, Be it remembered that on the third day of January anno Domini seventeen hundred and seventy five, came William Marsh Catrup and brought an Instrument of Writing with two Indorsements thereon and prayed leave the same Enrolled among the Records of Talbot County and

the same day and year aforesaid the same deed and the Indorsements thereon were enrolled as follows to wit, This Indenture made the third day of January seventeen hundred and seventy five Between Joseph Ratcliff of Talbot County shoe maker of the one part and William Marsh Catrup of Queen Anns County of the other part Whereas the father of the said Joseph was Seized in Fee of a tract of land called Jacob and John Pasture in Talbot County and to sign by his deed of bargain and sale Sold and Conveyed the Same to James Ratcliff his brother and whereas the father of the said Joseph is Dead and the said Joseph is issue in tail and heir at Law and Whereas the Estate Conveyed by the said deed of Bargain and sale has Ceased and Determined by the Dying of the said Joseph and death of his said Father and whereas the said Joseph hath Sold and disposed of the said part of the tract of land aforesaid to the said William Marsh Catrup and his heirs; and means and intends to bar and break off the Entail by this Instrument of Writing and to Convey the fee simple of the said part of the said tract of land to William Marsh Catrup, and his heirs, Now this Indenture witnesses that the said Joseph Ratcliff for and in Consideration of the sum of five shillings Sterling money and other Valuable Considerations hath bargained and Sold and by these presents Doth bargain and sell the aforesaid part of the said tract of land to him the said William Marsh Catrup and his heirs and the remainder and remainders Reversion and reversions, rents issues and profits thereof and all the right Title and Interest property Claim and demand of him the said Joseph into or out of the same or any part thereof To have and to hold the premises with the appurtenances to him the said William Marsh Catrup and his heirs to the only proper use and behoof of him the said William Marsh Catrup and his heirs for ever, and to no other use intent or purpose Whatsoever In Witness whereof the parties hereunto have Interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year above written,

Signed Sealed & Delivered upon the premises in the presence of — Joseph Ratcliff (Seal)

Thomas Brascup, John Liddle
Elijah Duling, Joseph his X mark Duling

This Indorsement aforesaid follows in these words to wit
January 3 1775 Then Came Joseph Ratcliff before us two of his Lordships Justices of the peace for Talbot County and acknowledge the within Instrument of