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my loving friends John Hatch (or in his absence William Marshall) and Richard Banks to be overseers of this my last will and Testament. And if it should so please Allmighty God that I should dye this Summer or this year: that my Man Conquerer may stay and work in the Crop. And that an Inventary of all that is mine may be taken and secured by the overseers John Hatch & Rich. Banks to pay my Debts and the remainder for the good of my Children according to their best discretion. Now for the disposall of my Children, I would not have them to live with any papist. For my Eldest son Thomas if he please to live with Either of the overseers of this Will he may during his Pleasure. I know he will yearn his Victuals and Cloaths. If not lett him take his Chance and for the other two I would not have them sold for Slaves, or Mortar boy's but according to their best discretion. I mean of my very Loving Friends John Hatch and Rich. Banks. I have an old friend at accomack called James Bruce, I could wish that he had my Sonne Robert, if he have none of his own, and that he would use him Well and not lett him to the mortar or Either Armstrong Hester. Philip Conner of the Isle of Kent did desire one to have my Sonne William as his Child, and so he would use him, and Hold him if it please God to take me to his Mercy, I would leave him, to him, So I desire you my friends to use your discretion in it, and for your pains and labour in it. You may pay yourselfs out of this Estate but I beseech you my friends doe your best for my Children and so I conclude Desiring God to bring us to (in his good time) Everlasting Glory and Mercy. In Jesus Christ our Saviour, Now to him be Thanks both now and Evermore amen. The words him, his. and God was Interlined before the Signing and Setting to of my hand, now in Wittness of the truth I have Sett my hand this twenty third day of

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On the back side of the Will.

I desire that and if I should suddenly dye, and the Cause how Should not be directly known, how, or where, or when that there be Speedy Enquiry made, how and where, and what was the Cause. And if it be not directly found that then I would have Nick. and Marks at Pyndy wock Irishmen questioned as Suspitious persons for reasons to me best known. This more I desire of you my friends John Hatch and Richd Banks, and so likewise of you my bois Thomas William and Robert Allen, this is my desire Wittness my hand this twenty third of aprill anno Dnj 1640 . . . Signd Thomas Allen.

August 11.

Whereas this day John Hatch, Richd Banks, and William Marshall overseers of the last Will and Testam.t of Thomas allen deced. have brought into the Registers office the.s last will and Testam.t of the said Tho.s Allen. And whereas there is no present power to Grant Ltrs of administr. it is therefore ordered by the Gov. that the said John Hatch Richard Banks and William Marshall shall receive and Collect the Estate which otherwise would fall to ruine and cause it to be appraised by the oaths of Walter Roane, Walter Waterhin, and Robert Smith & bring into the Registers office a true & perfect Inventory of the Estate with the appraiss.mt thereof within ten Day's and the allowance or accompt thereof whensoever they shall be thereunto called by the Judge of Testaments causes in this Province

Copie ejusd. to John Hatch.

John Hatch Richard Banks and William Marshall sworn by the Gov.r according to the Tenn.r of the order aboveSaid

Know all men by these presents that we John Hatch Richard