Lib.r Dc. No C any time hereafter that any Ambiguity Doubt Question or
Controversie do grow or rise Concerning the true meaning
and Intent of this my Will and Testament I will therefore
that my Executor and Executrix Choose Each of them a
Judicious person and according to their Verdict Let the
Doubt and Dispute be ended without Comencing a Suite
all Law my Will is hereby that Whatsoever Guifts and
Deeds are by this Will given and made Over unto my now
Loveing and Dear Wife Rose be by her accepted as full
and Compleat of all Dowers or thirds belong unto her
by Law of my personall and Reall Estate and if otherwise
that she shall have no Right Claime or Title to any thing
by this my Last Will and Testament In like Manner
I give and bequeath Unto my Eldest Son Justinian my
whole Right Title and Interest to any Land or parcell of
Land Lyeing within the Kingdom of England to him
and his heirs for Ever Item I will that whereas was
given by me in a Deed of Gift four Nigro Slaves Servants
54 twelve Kine with Calves by their Sides or with two feather
beds with furniture with other household furniture Con-
tained in the Said Deed of Guift made the 28th of January
Last by past and to be acknowledged in Court by attorney
allready for that End appointed I will that the Aff. Deed
and Every Clause therein Contained be Valid and of force
and made forthcomeing for the Use of the four Children
in itt menconed and if any of the four Nigroes dye before
their delivery to the Severall Children that the Dead Nigro
or Nigroes be made good by Supplying of other as good
Live Nigroes as they were before their Death, I will in
like Manner that what Male heires are by me begotten
on my now Loveing Wife and So possessing for them
and their heirs the Moyeties of Saint Clements Manno.
Bassford Manno. and Lyeing and being in the Provinc
of Maryland and the Moiety of that Plantation Called
Gerrards Reserve on Mathotickes in the Colony of Virginia
Joyntly with my Eldest Son Justinian and my Youngest
(Son)

Lib.r Dc. No C. Son John that then the aforesaid male heirs by me So be-
gotten shall pay unto Each daughter or Daughters So by-
me to be begotton Accordingly as I have ordered allready
to be paid by my Sons Justinian and John for their Severl
possessions and also my Will is that if there shall be a
Second or third Son by me So begotten that the Eldest pos-
sess the whole Moyeties aforesaid paying to Each Young
er Brother forty Thousand pounds of Tobacco and my
55 Will is further that my Debts and Legacyes bequeathed
being well Contented and paid then how many soever
Nigro Slave servants shall Come to the possession Right
and personall Estate of my now Loveing and Dear
Wife Rose being by her Injoyed During her naturall
Life Shall after her Death be Equally divided amongst
the Children Male or female by me on her begotten
and whereas in the Margent of this Sheet is written
mark ~~which~~ with a Cross X (the intent and meaning is that
she take only one out of all) my Will is to Establish
the said Valid as the Contents. In witness and Confir-
macon of this my Last Will and Testament I Sett
my hand to both Sheets thereof and to this Last
have fixed my hand and Seal Seal Day Month
and Year of above Written

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in the presence of Us
John Waugh
Isaac Allerton
John Lee

Thomas Gerrard Seal

John Couper

68. Die Martis 13.o January 1673

Came Elizabeth Preston the Widdow & Executrix
of James Preston, Late of Prestons Neck in Calvert
County Deceased and Exhibitted the last Will and Tes-
tament of her deceased husband Requesting to have
the Same proved, by the Judge for Probate of Wills &c. to
be approved whereupon John Clifford and Edward
Bentall two of the witnesses to the Said Testament being
(Sworn)