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and perfect Memory (praised be God) and knowing the Uncertainty of this Life on Earth and being desirous to See all things in order Do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, That is to Say First and principally I Commend my Soul to Almighty God my Creator assuredly believing I shall receive full pardon and free Remission of all my Sins and be saved by the precious Death and Merits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ & my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in Such Decent and Christian Manner as is Convenient as my friends shall think fit and as touching Such Worldly Estate as the Lord in mercy hath Lent me my Will and

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meaning is the same shall be Imployed and bestowed as here after by this my Will is Expresst. and first I do Renounce and make Void all Wills by me made formerly and Declare and appoint this my Last Will and Testament. Item I give and bequeath unto Ann Pearce my dearly beloved Wife all my Goods and Chattells (viz.) Money Plate Jewells Debts House hold Stuff and all other my personall Estate in England or Else where to be disposed as followeth, and Do hereby Nominate and appoint her my said Wife to be my Sole Executrix Item I will that first my Debts in Right and Conscience due be Justly paid and all disbursements and Expences and charges in my Sickness be fully Satisfied and my funerall Charges being Defrayed I will that my Exec.r pay unto Every of my Children twelvepence of Lawfull Money of England when Demanded but if it Shall happen that after my Death my Exec.r Shall at any time Dureing her Naturall Life Intermarry then my Will is that She take to herself the one half of my personall Estate and that she pay and Deliver the other half or Moyety Equally amongst my Children and if it Shall please God that any of my Children Shall dye or depart this Naturall Life before they Shall arrive to the age of one and Twenty years or Shall happen to Marry that then the part or porcion of that Child So dyeing Shall be Equally divided amongst the Survivours or Survivour and my Will is that Every Child Shall have their parts or porcons paid unto them at the Day of

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their marriage Or at the time when he She or they shall arrive to the full age of One and Twenty Years which Shall first happen and not before In testimony of this my Last Will and Testament I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this two and Twentieth Day of September 1674. in the Province of Maryland in Charles County in the 43th year of the Dominion of Cecilius absolute Lord and Proprietary of the said Province &c.

Joseph Pearce. Sealed

Signed Sealed & Delivered as the Last Will and Testament of Joseph Pearce above Mencioned in the presence of us by him himself Benj.a Rozer.

John Jones guided his hand at the Signing and Sealing hereof.

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Whereupon the Judge Ordered that Commission Issue to Thomas Matthews of Charles County aforesaid Gentl. to prove the said Testament and that Letters of adm.con with the Will annexed be Committed to Benjamin Rozer afores. to the Sole use and behoof of Ann the Exec.x in the s.d Will named to the End the said Hatsey may be paid his said Debt of 54700.lbs Tobacco and the Rest of the goods Returned by the said Rozer to the said Exec.x and the Judge farther ordered that the said Rozer give Bond with two Sufficient Sureties of one hundred pounds of Tobacco upon his administracon and take the Oath of ad.m.r and that before he intermeddle with the said Goods and Chattells of the Deceased and that Thomas Hatsey and Ignatius Cousin of Charles County af.d Gentl. be app.rs of the said Goods and Chattells if there be any Left in this province other then debts and Accompts for Tobb. which need no appraisement and the Comm.n Letters of adm.con with the Will annexed together with Warr.ts to app.rs and to Swear them Issued Und.r the Seal of the Office immediatly Invent. returned in 3 Mo. ....

Die Martis 14 Octobris

Was Exhibited unto the Judge here the Last Will and Testam.t of John Nevill Late of Calvert County Gentl. Deceased Willnessed by Ralph Blackhall and James Barkhurst and in Regard the Willnesses live one in Kent County

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