Lib.r PL. No. C. behoof of ann Rovey the Widdow of the Said Deceased and Exec.x in his Will named at present in England to the Said John Ward to be granted and that Comission Issue to Capt. Thomas Howell to take Bond of him the Said John Ward with Sufficient Security in double the Value of the Estate of the Said Deceased and to administer unto him the Oath of Adm.r in Comon form and that James Fusby Gent. and John Cox be Appr.s of the Goods and Chattells of the Said Deceased and that the Said Howell do Swear them which Letters of adm.on Comission to take bond Warr.t to Appr.s and to Swear them with bond issued out of this Court and passed the Seal immediatly Ind.rsed in three Months.

Die Mercurij 24.o February -

(398.) Eodem Die Came Samuell Chew of ann Arundell County Esq.r and made Return of the Last Will and Testament of Tho.s Preston Late of Calvert County Deceased with the probate thereof Whereupon the Judge Ordered the Said Will to be recorded which followeth in these words Viz.t

November the Eighth in the Year One Thousand Six hundred and Seventy four -

I Thomas Preston in Calvert County in the Province of Maryland being visited by the good hand of God with Sickness not knowing how Soon it may please God to take away this outward Life which must Once be Yielded unto Death in Consideracon whereof being at present in perfect memory do make Constitute Ordain and Declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth Revoking and adnulling by these presents all and Every Testament and Testaments Will and Wills heretofore by me made and this to be taken onely for my Last Will and Testam.t and no Other Viz.t First I do Committ my Self Soul and Body into the hands of God my Creator whose Right it is for Him the Giver to dispose of, as it Seemeth good in his Sight, and now for the Settling of my Temporall Estate Even Such Goods Lands Servants Cattells horses Tobacco Monys Chattells or what Else it hath pleased God to bestow upon me and do by these presents Order give and Dispose the Same in manner

(and)

Lib.r PL No. C. and form as followeth That is to Say) I will that all my Just Debts as I owe be well and truly paid within Convenient time after my Decease and also particular Legacys to be paid by my Executors of this my Will to See that it be fuley accomplished according to the very intent and purpose of this my declaration for which End have I Chosen my truely and well beloved friends John Stevens and William Stevens Gent.n and Howell Howell my whole and Sole Executors and Overseers of this my Will afore Expressed or hereafter Shall be Expressed to all intents and

399 purpose without the Council or advice of the Learned at the Law or any persons having any thing to do with it only you to See this my will fuley effected and accomplished you being the very men that I have Chosen to act and do all things in Righteousness for the best advantage for the preservacon of my Estate Comitted to your Charge and the full pursuance in the defence of the Same to all intents and purpose as if I my Self were personably present to Effect the Same as followeth Viz.t) It is my will if my beloved wife Elizabeth Preston do recover this Sickness wherewith She is now visited as well as I, I Say if She mend and grow well then I do freely give and bequeath unto her and her heirs One third of all my visible Estate after my Debts and Legacies being first Satisfied and the remainder of my Estate both Lands Cattells horses and Tobacco Money Chattells or what Else is of my Estate I do freely give and bequeath to my Children Namely Three, One Boy and two Girls to be Equally devided between them but if my wife dyes this Sickness then my whole Estate to be devided between my three Children the Care of which I do Committ to my Executors and my Will is that my Said Executors Shall take my Estate into their hands and bring up my Children till they Live and attain to the Age of being Married and the Boy to the Age of Twenty One years and then to have their Estates returned into their hand in Value as received onely all Just accounts Satisfied That is to Say, if my wife be dead but if living then She to bring up her Children and my Executors to See that they have their Estate Secured as aforementioned and on the back Side of the Said Will was thus Written Viz.t February 8th Day 1674. According to a Comission to

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