Ye Petition humbly Craveth the Worship full Courts advice in that Case

In the Name of God Amen. I James Currouch of Annarundell County in the Province of Maryland being weak of body but of perfect Sence and Memory Do Constitute and appoint and Ordain this my Last Will and Testam. in Manner and form following

Imp. I return my Soul to God that gave it, in Sure and Certain hopes of a Joyfull and happy Resurrection in Jesus Christ att the Last Day and Secondly my body to the Earth to be buried Decently and Orderly according as the Lord hath been pleased to Enable me and Endue me with a competency of the Good things of this Life And as for the Disposing of my whole Estate in Temporals that is my Personall and Reall Estate My Earnest Desire is that my Dearly and truly well beloved Wife Mary Curruch Should be Left Sole and whole Executrix of all my whole Estate both Personall and Reall and I do likewise leave her a third part of my Estate and Ten pounds Sterling as a legacy to be paid her my wife Mary Currouch and the rest of my Estate to be Equally divided between my Three Sons Namely Willm Currouch John Currouch and James currouch and my Desire is further that if it please God for to Call me out of this life and my wife Do Marry Again then that my Successor Should give in Security for the Estate and pay unto my Three Sons William Currouch John Currouch and James Currouch Sixty Pounds Sterling to be Equally Divided amongst them that is Twenty pounds a peice Each of them in good and Lawfull Money of England Sterling as I have Left it to them and not to be paid in Tobacco or anything else and the Rest of the Estate to be paid in kind as it is received to my Three Sons but if one of my Sons Should dye then my whole Estate to be divided between the other Two and if Two of them dye the Survivr. take all to himself And as for the Land that came by the heirs of William Slade Deced there is Two hundred and Twenty acres of it and Seventy Two Acres which I purchased of the heirs of Emmanuell Drew both these Peells of Land I do give and bequeath unto my Eldest Son William Curruck

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and his heirs for Ever and I do give and bequeath unto my Two Sons John and James Curruck Jointly and Severally to them and to their heirs for Ever Two hundred forty and nine acres of Land Lying on the North Side of Seavorn River Called by the name of Orrucks Fancy but if Either of them John or James dye without issue then the Survivr. to posess the whole. And now I do Desire my Loving friends and Neighbours Humphrey Boone and William Slade Overseers of this my Last Will and Testam. after my Wifes Decease Desiring Humphrey Boone to take my Son William who is now Ten Years old and what is belonging to him and Likewise my Son James and what is belonging to him who is now Three Years old and take them unto his possession Untill they Come to the age of Eighteen Years a peice and then to be Sett free and have the benefit of their own Labour and I Desire William Slade to take my Son John Curruck who is five Years old and to do by him as Humphrey doth by William and James and Sett him be att age at Eighteen years old and I do further Desire of my Overseers of this my Last Will and Testament that that Tract of Land that was bought of Emanuell Drew that Seventy Two acres of Land may not be Cleared any further then by a line drawn from the South Side of my Corn field that was with a line drawn west to the Land of Wolf Neck but not Cleared any further towards Robert Eagles Untill my Son William Comes of age and this Care of Clearing the Land I do Earnestly desire of my Overseers of this my Last Will and Testament to Look carefully unto. And this I do Declare to be my Last Will and Testam as Witness my hand and Seal Ninth Day of april anno Dni One Thousand Six hundred and Ninety

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of us

John his mark Popson Sworn
Ann Cook Sworn
John Geles
James Loyd Sworn

James his mark Curruck (Sealed)

Proved in Comon form in Open Court the Eleventh Day of Nov. One Thousand Six hundred and Ninety

E. Bonner Reg.

(Maryland)