Liber P. W.ts (327)

Die veneris 10 Martij (328)

Samuell Chew of Ann Arrundell County Esq.r made Retorn of the comission to him directed for the proofe of the nuncupative Will of Benj.a Brasseur late of Calvert County deceased the Comission bearing date 19.th February last past and it appearing to the Judge here by the Oaths of Anthony Kingsland and William Howard that the Testator Benj.a about the midle of February last past gave unto his Sister Martha Brasseur all his Estate and bid them both take Notice that if he dyed a Batchelour he did give the Said Martha his whole Estate and whereas the Said Anthony Kingsland further made Oath that the Said Benj.a bid the to Martha be quiet and told her that if he dyed a batchelor he would give her his Said Martha all his Estate and make her his Exec.x and thereupon im= mediately called him the Said Kingsland and others to take Notice that he did give the Said Martha his whole Estate if he dyed a batchellor and it appearing to the Judge Here that the Said Benj.a shortly after fell sick and dies a batchelor with in five day's at furthest the Judge here ordered and pro= nounced the Said Martha Brasseur Executrix of the last will and testam.t of the Said Benjamin Brasseur —

March 8.th day 1675.

Anthony Kingsland aged 54 years or there about Sworn Saith that about the midle of February last being at work at the house of Benj.a Brasseur in Calvert County Martha Brasseur then being his House keeper Yo.r Dep.t heard the Said Martha tell the Said Benj.a his Brother in Law was that no other title was out being Mr. Sterling her Father in Law was come into the Country and demanded what he would give her for the time that she had been with him whereupon the Said Benj.a bid her be quiet and told her that if he dyed a batchellor he would give her all his Estate and make her the Said Martha his Exec.x whereupon he called (329) your Dep.t Charles Jones And William Howard to take notice that if he the Said Benj.a Brasseur did a batchelor he did give his Estate to his Sister Martha Brasseur & further Saith not

Anthony his Kingsland Mark

Sworn before Me Samuell Chew

March 8.th day 1675. William Howard aged 56 or there about Sworn Saith that about five Weeke Since or there about Yo.r Dep.t heard Martha Brasseur demand of her Brother Benj.a Brasseur what he would give her for the time that she had been with him Where upon the Said Benj.a told her that if he dyed a batchellor he would leave all to her the Said Martha Brasseur. Whereupon the Said Martha told him that he would not Whereupon the Said Benj.a Called Anthony Kingsland and Yo.r Dep.t to take Notice that if he the Said Benj.a Brasseur died a Batchellor he did leave all his Estate to his Sister Martha & further Saith not

William A Howard his — Mark

Sworn before me Samuell Chew

But in regard that the Said Martha is an infant under the age of Seventeen Years the Judge here ordered that Adcon of the goods & Chattels Rights and Credits of the Said Benj.a be committed to Tho.s Sterling father in Law to the Said Martha till she arrive to the Age of Seventeen years but to the Sole use profit and behoof of the Said Executrix Martha Brasseur he giving Sufficient bond with two Sureties in double the value of the Said goods & Chattels for his due Adcon and for so much as the Said Sterling could not find Sureties here the Judge further ordered that (330) comission issue to Mr. Sam.l Chew to take Bonds as aforesaid of the Said Sterling & that Robt Wright & James Trumbey be appointed to appraise the Said goods & Chattels & that the Said Com.rs do Swear them the Said Com.rs took the Oath of Adm.r Immediatly & the Said Com.rs Sworn before Me Samuell Chew

March 8.th day 1675. Letters of Adm.on were granted unto Thomas Sterling Esq.r Father in Law to the Said Martha Executrix of the Last will & Testam.t of the Said Benjamin Brasseur deceased he having given Bond with Security according to the Act of Assembly in that Case made & provided and the Seal of this Court Immediately Sworn & Seal'd in Open Court

Jurat in 3 Months

(Same)

Liber Pl. W.ts (331)

Die Lunæ 18 Martij Edward &c (332)

Anno Thomas Sprigg of Calvert County gent and made return of the last will and testament of John Gittings Late of the Said County deceased with the Probate thereon which ordered to be recorded & followeth in these words Vizt

This is my last Will and testam.t I Leave all my estate between my Children and my Wife as the Law Reads and will Libery to work upon my plantation In witness whereof I have here unto put my hand and Seal this 18.th Janu.y 1675 — John Gittings (Seald)

I Leave my loving wife my Sole Exec.x John Gittings

All out the back of the Said will was thus written Vizt Joans Quant Sworn before me this 18.th day of February 1675 deposeth that She saw John Gittings Sign and Seal the within writing and deliver the Same as his last will and testament Mary Elizabeth Sprigg Edward Sprigg Thomas Sprigg

Declareth the Same as above verbatim

Die Martis 16.th Martij

Came Captain John Cammell and Rand.o Hanson of St Mary's County and renounced to their Right of Adcon of the goods and Chattels of Richard Hatton Late of the Said County deceased which Sett in these words Vizt

Whereas we Randolph Hanson and John Cammell of St Marys County overseers in the last Will of Richard Hatton Late of the Said County deceased name for certain and just Causes being thereunto moved do renounce and relinquish to our Right of Adcon of the will and goods of the Said deceased and do by these presents make Void that we have not intended with the Estate of the Said deceased nor hereafter do intend to intend to which we do certifie under our hands and Seals unto the Office for probate of Wills &c this 18.th day of March in the first year of the Dominion of Charles &c Anno Domi 1675

Rand.o Hanson (Seal)

John Cammell his Marke (Seal)

Testes Thomas Dent William Harper

(333) Whereupon William Hatton gent. Exhibited the last will and testament of the Said deceased Requesting to have the Same to be proved by the Oaths of these Witnesses hereunto And John Ditchfield and Thomas Reynolds being called and Sworn on the holy Evangelists prove the Same as on the back of the Said will more at Large appears which testam.t followeth in these words Vizt

In the name of God Amen I Richard Hatton of poplar hill in the County of St Marys being Sick and weake of body but of perfect mind and memory praised be God do make Constitute and appoint this to be my last will and testament as follo= weth Imprimis and bequeath my Soul unto God that gave it and to my dear Redeemer Jesus Christ that shed his precious Blood for the Salvation of all true believers And my body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be decently & Christianly buried and that portion of worldly goods which it hath pleased God to bless me with all to be disposed of as followeth In primis I give & be= queath unto Widdow Boothes Son named Isaac Booth one Cow and Calfe and to Richard Goodaber one Cow Calfe Item I give and bequeath unto my Servant Richard Chunge his freedom at Christmas next ensueing the date hereof & one Cow and Calfe Besides what is due to him by order of Court Item I give unto my Son Richard Hatton all my Lands tobacco and his heires for ever only reser= ving unto my wife Ann Hatton for her life time One hundred Acres and for my personall Estate remaining my debts and Legacys being paid I give & bequeath to my loving Wife Ann Hatton and my Son Richard Hatton to be equally divided between them When my Son shall come to the Age of Eighteen years but if my Son Should dye before he cometh to that Age then my will is that that part of my estate be divided betwixt my wife Ann Hatton & my Cozen Eliz.th Henson also I do appoint my loving wife Ann Hatton to be my true and lawfull Exec.x of this my last will and testam.t and my brothers William Hatton & Rand.o Hanson and my loving friend John Cammell to be overseers in the behalf my Son to Secure his Estate if that so it like to be in her to be by taking it into (334) her possession or otherwise As they Shall think fit and for confirmation hereof I do here unto Set my hand and Seal this 5.th of February Anno 1675

Testes John Ditchfield Thomas Reynolds his Marke

Richard Hatton (Seale)

(Same)