Feb.y 9th 1707

Henry Anderson and Thos. Simson two of ye witnesses to ye within will made oath on ye holy Evangelist ye they did see ye within named St. Leger Codd signe seale deliver and declare ye within writing to be his Last will and testam.t & ye at ye same time he was of sound & perfect mind & memory before me —

Thos. Smyth D: Comty Com. Kent

The day abovesd Lothian Orchatt made oath in due forme ye he did see Colo. St. Leger Codd signe seale deliver & declare the within writting to be his Last will & testam.t as abovesd before me — Thos. Smyth D: Comty Com. Kent

I do hereby Renounce the Exor in me Reposed by ye wth in menhoned will this 9th Day of ffeb.y anno 1707 as witness my hand & Seale

Tho: Smyth —

x.d In the name of God amen ye forth day of Feb.y in ye forth year of ye Reigne of our soon Lady Queen Anne in the yeare of our Lord 1706 I John Downes in ye County of Talbot planter Being sick & weak in body but of sound and perfect memory praise be given to God for ye same and and Knowing ye incertainty of this Life on Earth & being desirous to settle things in ord.r do make this my Last will & testam.t in manner forme fold — ye is to say first & principally I Comend my soul to allmighty God my Creator assuredly believing ye I shall Receive full pardon & free remission of my sines and to be saved by ye precious Death & merits of my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jesus & my body to ye Earth to be buried in such Decent & Christian manner as to my Exor hereafter named shall be thought mett & Convenient an as touching such worldly Estate as ye Lord in mercy hath Lent me my will & meaning is ye same shall be Implyed & bestowed as hereafter by this my will is Expresed —



Imp.s I Give and bequeath to my son Charles Downes my plantation to him and his heirs forever after ye Death of his mother or her being married againe I Doe Give to my new and well beloved wife Margrett Downes to putt to her one use or ye maintainance of her and my Children all my pssonall an Rale Estate Dureing her Life or widowhod and after her Death or at ye time of her marreg my Just Debts being pd ye Remander of my pssonall Estate to be Equially Devided among my four sons my will an desior is ye if one or more of my sons should mary or go to Live of themselves before ye Death of my wife he or they being Dutyfull ye she may Give to them as she see needfull or Can spaire to their Relife —

I Doe appoint an inhust my well beloved wife margret Downes and my son Charles Downes ye Exors of this my Last will and Testam.t to act and do ye Good of my Children to ye best of their skill taking ye advice of those my friends wch I shall heare after name and if my wife should mary or be like be marye before my Estate be brought to a praisem.t then she shall have no part in ye Exship it being holy Left to Charles Downes by the advice of my friends and my Estate to be taken Cair one as ye use of my Children. —

I Doe Request an Desier appoint and impower my Trusty and well beloved friends John King and Arthor Emery to be my hustes over Lukers and advisers of these my Exors for their Good and ye Rest of my Children further I Doe impower them ye upon the unduly fully behaviour or misimplying their time thay one or both take that one or more of my sons so offending and bind him or them out prentices till they arrive to ye age of one and twenty further my will & Desire is ye none of my sons shall by or sell bargain or make any swop or swops for above ye value of five shill.s without ye Consent & advice of one or more of these my afore named hustes till after they come to ye age of twenty and three yeares further I Doe Request you my friends —

(To)