and through the merits of Christs death & passion possess
and inherit ye Kingdom of Heaven prepared for his
Elect & Chosen & my body to be buried in such place where
it shall please my Executor hereafter named to appoint and
now for the settling of my temporal Estate such goods
Chattells & debts as it hath pleased God far above
my deserts to bestow upon me I do order give & bestow the
same in manner and forme follow (that is to say)
first I will that all these Debts Duties wch I owe in right
or Conscience to any manner of person or persons wtsoever
shall be well & truely contented and satisfied or be ordained
to be paid wthin Convenient time after my decease by my
Executor hereafter mentioned & named —
Item I give and bequeath unto John Beall of Somt County
and province of Maryland all & whole my goods Chattells
and Creditts all Debts owing by any person or persons unto me
all my Cows horses mares & their Encrease forever unto him
the sd John Beale him his heires Exors adms or assigns for —
ever wt all my Rights More Title to him his heires and
assigns forever Item I do make constitute appoint ordaine
mention and name the above sd John Beale to be my
sole Executor of this my Last will and testament —
In witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and
affixed my Seale the day & yeare above mentioned —
Signed Sealed & Delivered — John his mark Fletcher (Seal)
In presence of us —
Lachlen Offlanagon Margot his mark Chacler
Robt Spizzie Eun. Davis —
This day being ye 29th day of April 1708 Came before me
Lachlen Offlanagon and Margt Chanler Robt Spizzie & made
oath upon the holy Evangelists of almighty God that they
did See the above sd will signed Sealed & acknowledged by —
John Fletcher wthin specified to be his last will and —
Testament for the use of ye within specified John Beale
Jno Franklyn

The same day Came Eun. Davis before me & made oath —
upon the holy Evangelists of almighty God that he saw
the within specified John Fletcher deliver unto John —
Beall within specified this as his last will & testamt
Jno John Franklyn

In the Name of God Amen I John Coutee of Charles —
County in the province of Maryland Gent. being sick and weak of body
but of sound and perfect memory praised be almighty God for the same and knowing
the frailty and mortality of all Flesh that we must all pay that due debt of
Nature when God is pleased to call, do make and declare this to be my last will and
Testament hereby revoking and making void all former and other wills by me heretofore
made —
Imprs I bequeath my Soul to God my Creator trusting in his mercy & the merits of my
Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ for its future happy resting place and my body I do
bequeath to the earth to be buryed in such decent manner as the my Ex hereafter
named shall seem meet and convenient and for such worldly Estate it pleased God
to bestow upon me, after my just Debts and funerall Charges being first paid
and my will and desire is that it shall be disposed of as followeth Viz.
Item I give and bequeath to my loving Nephew John Coutee son to my Brother Mr Peter
Coutee of Barnstable in the Kingdom of England fifty pounds Sterling money to be
paid him by my Ex. hereafter named in Convenient time after my decease to him
and his heirs for ever. —
Item I give and bequeath to my Loving friend John Cates two parcels of Land lying
at Piscataway and adjoyning to the said John Cates plantation left unto him
by his father John Cates deed to have possession of the said two parcels of Land
when he shall arrive to the age of twenty years to him the said John Cates
his heirs and assigns for ever
Item I give and bequeath to my dear and loving mother Mrs Grace Coutee of and
to my loving sister Agnes Berry of in the Kingdom of England all my
~~Land~~ two parcels of Land in Charles County at Mangony near a Creek called Burdots
Creek the one known by the name of Effton Hills and the other by the name of
Gorsbury to have the same to them and their heirs & assigns for ever
Item I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving Brother Mr Peter Coutee
living in Barnstable in the Kingdom of England a parcel or Tract of Land
it being a sealed plantation lying near unto Popes Creeke and Land ye
Bought of John Baker wherein that his present tenant William Jackson liveth
on as overseer and with total Stock of Cattle and Hogs that is now thereon
I also give to him the said Peter Coutee his heirs and assigns for ever
Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Nephew Alexd Coutee ye Son of my
Brother Mr Peter Coutee one parcel of Land containing three hundred twenty
and seven acres lying at Piscataway in Prince Georges County the which I do
bought of of Mr John and Luke Gardiner it being part of a Greater tract or
Quantity of Land called Walberton manor, and also one other parcel