in the Chamber where the Said Coll. John Contee then lay
Sick of a bloody Flux upon the bed the Said Coll. Contee
Said to him Alexander I am very bad and dif I die I have
Taken Care of thee; upon which the Deponent Said
he was Very Sorry for it and then his Said Uncle Told
him that he was better within the Six hours then past
than he had been all the while of his Sickness the Deponent
Saw Mr. Phillip Lynes carry Some papers to his
uncle the Same Day wch he Supposed to be his
Uncles will & was Told that his uncle had made
his will & further Saith that his Said Uncle Sitting
either upon a Chair or the Close Stoole wch he knoweth
not Dyed Suddainly thereon Tuesday the Third of
August Last to the great Surprize of his wife this
Deponent & the whole family which he believes to be
the true occasion his will now produced was not
affected by his Signing and Sealing the Same for
that he this Deponent about an hour after his Uncles
Death took the Said Will off of his Chest of Drawers
by the bed Side where it Lay when he Dyed and
having read the Same verily believes the Devisor
& bequests therein Contained are were according
to his Said Uncles True intent & meaning and that
his Said Uncle was all the time of his Sickness wch
Continued about Ten Days of Sound mind & memory

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Jurd Coram me J Bladen

The Deposition of John Courts of Charles Co. Gent
aged about Seventeen Years who being Sworne on
the Holy Evangelists Deposeth that on Saturday the
thirty first Day of July Last he understood by Mr.
Alexander Contee his father in Law Coll. John Contee
had made his will & that about one hour after Coll.
Contees Death wch was on Tuesday the ~~twenty~~ third
(Day)

Day of August Instant he took the Said will being the
two Sheets of paper now produced to him off of the Chest of
Drawers by the bed side in the roome where Coll. Contee
Dyed and he Mr. Alex. Contee read it together and
believes that Coll. Contees Suddain Death was the real
occasion the Said will was not affected by Signing &
Sealing — Jurd Courts —

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The Deposition of John Warren of Charles County Gent
aged about twenty one Years Sworne on the Holy Evange-
=lists Deposeth that he this Deponent Dwelling with Coll.
John Contee at his house in Charles County on Saturday
the thirty first Day of July Last when the Said Coll.
Contee lay sick of a bloody Flux he Saw the Honble
Phillip Lynes Esq with Some papers in his hands going
into the room or Chamber where the Said Coll. Contee
then lay Which papers this Deponent Supposed
after understood were the Said Coll. Contees Will that
about an hour after Coll. Contee Dyed he this Deponent
Saw the will now produced upon the Chest of Drawers
by the bedside in the Roome where the Coll. Lay
Dead and believes Coll. Contees Suddain Death was
the reason he Did not affect the Said Will by Signing
& Sealing the Same — Jurd Warren

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In the name of God Amen I John Cousine of Elk
river in Cecill County in the province of Maryland
and being Sick and weak in body but of Sound and perfect
memory (thanks to God) for it do make this my Last will &
Testament in manner and forme following Viz.
Imprs. I will & bequeath my Soul into the hands of my
(Redeemer)