of God that gave it hoping through the Merits and Intercession of Christ Jesus my God and Saviour for a full and free pardon of all my sins and my Body to be Buried in the Earth in a Decent manner at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter mentioned and as to what Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to Bless me with all I give and Bequeath the same in manner and forme following — Imprimis I Give & Bequeath unto my loving son Thomas Howard all that Moiety of a Tract of land to me belonging Called partners purchase lying on Potomack river in Charles County to be to him and his heirs forever but in case he dies without Issue then my will is that the said Tract of land shall thence forward be and belong to my son Baker Howard to him and his heirs forever —

Item. I give and Bequeath to my loving son John Howard all that tract of land on which I now live being part of a Tract of land Called the Three Brothers to be to him and his heirs forever, But in Case he dies without — Issue then my will is that the said Tract of Land from thence forward shall be and belong to my son Baker Howard and to his heirs forever —

Item — I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Eleanor Dowglass wife of John Dowglass One Molatto Girl Named Patience with all her increase during the Terme of the Natturale life of my said Daughter Eleanor and after her Decease I will that the said Molatto with all her Increase shall be and belong to my Grand son John Dowglass, which said Bequest to my said Daughter Eleanor I Design as a Bar to exclude her from Claiming any other part or share of my Estate, Item — I give and Bequeath unto my son Baker Howard One Negro boy Called James over and above his share of my personal Estate. Item. I give to my Daughter Jane One Negro Girl Called Penellope Over and above her share of my personall Estate. Item my will is that my son Baker be kept to School from the age of six years untill he arrive to the age of fourteen years and then to be bound a — prinlice either to the sea or some handsome Craft Trade as he likes best. Item my will is that my Negro wench Called Little Nell in Some Reasonable Time after my Decease be sold by my Executor in Order to Discharge such Debts as I owe in Sterling money, and after my Debts and Funerall Charges are paid and Discharged by my Executrix hereafter Named, the Rem[ainder] of my Estate Goods and Chattles (not before given) I leave and Bequeath unto my — wife and Children to be Devided amongst them as the Law Directs —

Item. I do hereby Constitute Ordain and Appoint my loving wife Rebecca Howard whole & sole Execx. of this my last will and Testament —

And I Do hereby Disannull and make Void all former wills and Testaments by me made hereby Appointing and Confirming this to be my Last will and Testament In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second Day of February in the year of Our Lord Christ One thousand Seven hundred and Forty Two —

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged by the said John Howard to be his Last will and Testament in the presence of us — John Howard (Seal)

Josh: Allford
William Howard
Philip Jenkins
Barth: Gisbitsky

On the Back of the foregoing will was thus Written Viz: —

Charles County ss: On the 23d Day of March 1742 Came Joshua Allford William Howard and Bartholomew Gisbitsky three of the Subscribing Witness to the foregoing will and made Oath on the holy Evangelists that they saw John Howard the Testator sign the same and heard him publish and declare the same to be his Last will and Testament and that at the Time of his so doing he was of sound and Disposing mind and memory to the best of their Judgements and that the Severall subscribed their Names thereto in the presence of the Testator and at his Request —

Before Walter Hanson Dep[uty] Com[mis]ry

Mr Day and year above said the widow of the Testator makes choice of the third of real and personall Estate & refuses to accept the Bequests made her by the above said will —

Test Walter Hanson Dep[uty] Com[mis]ry

In The Name of God Amen This Twenty third Day of October in the Year of Our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred and Forty Two I Matthias Day of Kent County in the province of Maryland planter being sick and weak but of perfect and memory thanks be given to Almighty God for the same and — Calling to mind the mortality of my Body Do make and Ordain this my Last will and Testament in words following that is to say I Imprimis Recommend my soul into the hands of God that Gavest Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same at the hand of Almighty God and as to my Body I Recommend it to the Earth to be Decently Buried in a Christian Like and Decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors. And as concerning my Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to Bless me in this world I do hereby Give will and Bequeath and Dispose of the same after my Debts and and Funerall Charges are paid as follows Viz —