and at his request and that at the same Time they saw William Moore the Other Witness Signe the same — — Swora Before — C. Bynson Dom.y Kent County —

January 26. 1742. Then personally appeared Mary Mahone widow & Executrix of Thomas Mahone and Declared that She would not Stand and abide by the will of her Deceased Husband. But would take what the Law allows her Certified By me —

C. Bynson Dom.y of Kent County —

February 2. 1742 Came William Moore the Other Witness being duly and Solemly Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God do depose and Say that he saw Thomas Mahone the Testator Signe the foregoing will and heard him publish and Declare the same to be his Last will and Testament that at the Time of his so Doing he was to the best of his Apprehension of sound & disposing mind & memory and that he Subscribed his respective name as a Witness to the said will in the presence of the Testator & at his Request Sworne Before me

C. Bynson D Com.y Kent County.

In the Name of God Amen the 13 day of April in the Year of Our Lord God 1740: I Nathaniel Howard of Kent County Maryland planter being Very Sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and Knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to die, do make & Ordain this my Last will & Testament: that is to say principally & first of all I Give and Recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian Like and Decent Manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as Touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this Life I Give Devise & Dispose of in the following Manner & Forme —

Imprimis it is my will & I do Order that in the first place all my Just Debts and Funeral Charges be paid and Satisfied — —

Item. I Give and Bequeath unto Jane my well Beloved wife all my moveable Estate to have and to hold during her Natural Life and after her Decease to Descend and Belong to my Youngest son John all Singular of them — —

Item I Give to my well beloved son Nathaniel Howard 75 acres of Land Situate and being in the Tract of Land Commonly known by the name of Denby with all the houses and other Improvements thereon together with all the Household Goods and moveables wherewith he was possessed before my Decease and after my decease it is my will that there be given unto him one Breeding Cow and that to be his Only and all the Right and Title Claim or demand Whatsoever which he the said Nathaniel Howard my Son may or any Time hereafter may may might Should or Ought to have of in and to the same from by or Under the right Title or Interest of me his father or as an heir to the Estate after my decease / for the use of him and his heirs forever —

Item I Give to my well Beloved Son John Howard when he Shall be Constituted, make and Ordain together with his Mother my said Executors of this my Last will and Testament, One hundred and forty and acres of Land Situate and being in the aforesaid Tract of Land Called Denby, Together with all the Improvements and Moveables as on the Conditions aforesaid, And I do hereby Utterly disallow revoke and Disannull all and every Other former Testaments, wills Legacies Executors by me in any ways before this Time named Willed and Bequeathed. Ratifying and Confirming this and no Other to be my Last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the day and year above Written — —

Signed Sealed, published pronounced and declared by the said Nathaniel Howard as his Last will and Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers —

Caleb Bock
Joshua Bock
Edward John Wright

his
Nathaniel N Howard
mark
(Seal) —

On the back of the foregoing Will was thus Written Viz.t

February 5. 1742. Came Caleb Bock, and Joshua Bock two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing will being Duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God Depose and Say that they saw Nathaniel Howard the Testator Signe the foregoing will and heard him publish and Declare the same to be his Last will and Testament that at the Time of his so Doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound & disposing mind & memory and that they Subscribed their Respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testator & at his Request & that at the same Time they saw Edward John Wright the other Witness Signe the Same. Sworn Before. C. Bynson D Com.y Kent County —