202/. this my Last will and Testament; that is to say principally and first of all I Give and Recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my Body I Commend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and Decent manner at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter Named Not Doubting but at the General Resurrection to have 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 and Bequeath in the following manner and form

Imprs. — I Give and Bequeath unto Mr. Benjamin Johns (my well beloved friend) the sum of Twenty pounds Current Money of this Province and my Servant man Named David Berry to him and his heirs for Ever to be paid by my Executor hereafter mentioned —

Item — I Give and Bequeath unto William Miller Junr. the sum of Ten pounds Current money and the silver Watch which I am now possessed with to be paid as aforesaid — —

Item — I Give and Bequeath unto William Miller Senr. (and his wife) all the Residue of the Debts Now Standing due to me on my Books (after my Executor has paid my Just Debts and Charges) to be Equally Divided Between them — —

Item — I Give and Bequeath unto my friend Rousby Miller my new Riding Horse and Saddle with the Housings Bridle and Pistols &c. —

Item — I Give and Bequeath unto Benjamin Miller (son of Wm. Miller Senior) my Silver Shoe and Knee Buckles Together with my Silver Snuff Box —

Item — I Give and Bequeath unto John Miller (son of Wm. Miller Senr.) all my wearing apparell (of what kind soever) and Six pounds Current money to pay for his Schooling, Untill the said sum be Expended —

Lastly I Ordain and Appoint my Trusty and well Beloved friend William Miller Junr. to be my whole and Sole Executor of this my Last will & Testament hereby Revoking and Disannulling all Others heretofore by me made In Witness Whereof I have have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this Twenty Second Day of November Anno Domi 1748 —

John Richards (Seal)

Signed Sealed published & Declared
In presence of — —
William W Miller
mark
The mark of Grace Miller
David Berry —

On the Back of the aforegoing will was thus Written (Viz.) — —

202/. Calvert County. Novr. 29th 1748 Came William Miller Grace Miller and David Berry the three subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God That they saw the Testator John Richards signe and seal and heard him publish and Declare the within Instrument of Writing as his Last Will and Testament and that at the Time of his so Doing he was to the Best of their Knowledge and apprehension of Sound and perfect mind Memory and understanding and that they the aforesaid Wm. Miller Grace Miller and David Berry as Witnesses subscribed the said will in the presence and at the Request of the said Testator —

Sworne Before me —

Gabriel Parker Dept. Comty
Calvt. County —

5th Side —

# In the Name of God amen —

Item. I Give this my now Dwelling Plantation to be Equally Divided Between my son John and my son Stephen Watkins to them and their heirs Lawfully Begotten of their Bodies but for want of such Issue then to my son Nicholas Watkins and the heirs of Lawfully Begotten of his Body. Imprs. I Give unto my son Nicholas Watkins all my Lands lying in Prince Georges County to him and his heirs for Ever.

Imprs. — I Give unto my Daughter Sarah Gassaway Ten Shillings Ster. I Give to my Dear and loving wife Mary Watkins third part of my personal Estate after my Lawfull Debts are paid and fourty pounds sterling. Then the Remainder of my Estate to be Equally Divided amongst my three sons & five Daughters. Anne Frances Mary Hester and Jean Watkins the finishing the house to be paid before any Divisions made —

Signed Sealed and acknowledged this 11 Day of November one thousand seven hundred and forty three —

in the presence of —
Sophia Galloway
Ferdinando Battee
John Crosby —

Watkins (Seal)

On the Back of the foregoing will was thus Written Viz.

December 7 1748 Came Before me Sophia Galloway one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within will who being one of the people Called Quakers Solemnly and Sincerely affirmed and Declared that she saw John Watkins signe and seal the within Writing and heard him publish and Declare the same to be his Last will that at the Time of his so Doing he was he was to the best of her Judgment and apprehension of Sound and Disposing Mind and Memory and that she and the Other Witnesses Ferdinando Battee and John Crosby Subscribing their Names as Witnesses to the said will in the presence of the said John Watkins and at the same Time Came the said Ferdinando Battee and John Crosby and being Duly Sworn on the holy Evangelists Deposed and Swore that they severaly Saw the said John Watkins sign and seal the within Writing and heard him publish and Declare the same

(to)