If the nearest of kin to the deceased, do not Claim the administration of Mr Thomas's Estate, tel it be granted to Mr Joseph Lancaster.

Jr. To Mr Hynson Deputy Commissary of Chas County. D Delaney Comr

In The Name of God Amen, I Thomas Coleman, of Charles County in the province of Maryland, being weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God for the same therefore Calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to dill do therefore make Constitute and ordain 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, who gave it me, hoping through the merits of my Dear Saviour, redeemer Jesus Christ I shall receive remission of my Sins and shall Enter into his Glory, 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 hereafter named, nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. and as touching such worldly Goods wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in manner and form Following Viz. Imprimis, It is my will and Desire that all my just debts be duly and justly paid out of hand by my Executors I doubt not to pay them my self. Item 2d I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Coleman all that part of a Tract of land called Redding that is contained within the following bounds which belong to me John Thomas Having One Hundred Acres. And of it beginning at a bounded white Oak, being the beginning Tree, of the said Tract and running thence west and by north One Hundred fifty Five and a half perches thence north two degrees, west untill untill it intersects a line drawn, north west from, the head of a small branch, commonly, called Mingos Branch, then with the said branch as it runs, untill it intersects the Gross line of Redding thence to the first Bounday, to be Enjoyed by him and his heirs forever. Item 3. I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Catharine Sammways, Coleman, a part of a Tract of land called Homely, bounded as follows, beginning at a Bounded white Oak the Bounder Tree, of the aforesaid Tract, standing on the north side of the middle neck, Branch, and running thence South nine Degrees West until it intersects the head of a small Branch, near the main Road against the widow Thomas's plantation, thence Down and with the said Branch untill it intersects the north line of the said Tract, then, north with the said line to the end of it

then to the first boundary, to be enjoyed by her and her Lawfull Issue forever, but for want of such Issue then to be enjoyed, by Thomas Coleman, the son of John Brightwell and his Issue forever, and for want of such Issue to revert to my son Thomas Coleman, and his heirs forever, I also give and bequeath unto my Daughter Catharine Sammways Coleman, one Negro Girl Named Elenor, but commonly called Nell to be Enjoyed by her and her heirs for Ever, and not to be Deemed or accounted to her or her heirs as any part of my Estate but when Division is made of my personall Estate she shall Nevertheless be Entitled to her full part and Dividend of my Estate as though she never had Nell Settled to her. Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Coleman the Six Acres of Land, whereon my now Dwelling House, Stands and also the Dwelling House and all other buildings and appertenances whatsomever, on belonging to the said Six acres of land I also give unto her all the remainder part of a Tract of land called, Redding and all the remaining part of a Tract of land called Homely, to be enjoyed by her, and her Lawfull Issue for Ever, and for want of such Issue to revert to my Son Thomas, and his heirs forever, I also give and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Coleman, a negro Girl Called Ann, but commonly called Nan to be Enjoyed her and heirs forever, and not to be deemed and accounted to her as any part of my Estate but when Division is made of my personal Estate she shall nevertheless be Entitled to her full part and Dividend of the rest of my Estate as she now Had had Negro Nan Settled to her. Item 5th My will and Desire is and it is the true Intent and meaning of this my will that all my Servants and Slaves, Except the two negro Girls already Devised to my Daughters Martha and Catharine be Equally Divided between my six Children as they are here named (Viz) Thomas, Ursilla Elizabeth, Martha Mary, and Catharine and also all my Other personal personal Estate be it of what Kind and nature soever, Either in the House, or Out of Doors. Nothing Excepted but what is already Excepted to be Equally Divided to Each according to the true intent of this my will and I do hereby Constitute appoint and Ordain my Son, Thomas Coleman and my Daughter Martha Coleman, to be my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament Revoking and Disannulling all Other wills heretofore by me made, Ratifying and Confirming this and none Other to be my last will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 19th Day of February, 1763 &c

Signed, Sealed and pronounced by — Thos. Coleman Senr {Seal}