Queen Anns County The 23rd March 1761 I hereby Certifie that Elizabeth Tordeman Widow of Henry Tordeman late of this County deceased Refused to accept of the Legacy mentioned in the within Will in Barr of her Thirds but made her Election to take the third part of the Personal Estate of her deceased Husband aforesaid and also to have her Dower in her said Husbands Real Estate

before T Wright Deputy Secry
of Queen Anns County

In the Name of God Amen This tenth Day of June Anno Dni Year of our Lord Christ Seventeen hundred fifty and two I Benjamin Shuyter of Cecil County and Province of Maryland being of perfect health of Body and Sound of Mind and Memory thanks be to God for the same and Calling to mind the uncertainty of human Life and Knowing that it is Ordained by God for all Men to die, and being desirous that my dear Children may Enjoy after my decease such Worldly Estate as God of his Great Mercy has been pleased to bless me with I therefore make this my last Will and Testament In Manner and form following Viz: First and Principally I humbly recommend and Bequeath my Soul to God the Creator and Giver thereof humbly hoping and Trusting that he will of his Infinite Mercy receive it through the Merits of my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ, and my Body to the Earth from Whence it was taken to be buried in such decent Manner as my Executors hereafter mentioned and appointed shall think Requisite with full and certain Assurance of its being Quickned and Rise again at the General Resurrection of the dead at the last Day through Jesus Christ, Secondly my Will and desire is that all my funeral

Charges and all Just and Lawful Debts and Claims that are brought against me be duly paid and Satisfied, Thirdly I give and Bequeath unto my Eldest dear and well beloved Son Henry Shuyter my upper Plantation whereon he now is Building and Improving Including one full half Part of all the Lands I am now Possessed of Excepting two hundred Acres of Land by me already sold to my Mother in Law now Named Rachel Boone for which She has my Bond for making over the same as also Excepting four Acres by me Sold to John Lawson belonging to the Mill and not yet made over to be equally divided by an East and West Line Between him my Son Henry and my Son Peter which Plantation aforesaid with one full half part of all my Lands as afs. unto my afs. Son Henry Shuyter his Heirs and Assigns forever with all and Singular the Premises and Appurtenances unto the same belonging or in any Sort appertaining And my Will and desire further is, that whereas I have left unto my Son Henry Shuyter the Lands and Premises afs. and unto my young est dear and well Beloved Son Benjamin Shuyter have left no Lands in Consideration thereof my Will and desire is that he my Son Henry shall pay unto my Son Benjamin the Sum of Seventy Five Pounds Current Money of Maryland when he shall arrive to the Age of Twenty one Years, Fourthly I give and Bequeath unto my dear and well Beloved Second Son Peter Shuyter one full half part of all the Lands I am now Possessed of excepting the Lands as Excepted above, to my Son Henry Including my now dwelling Plantation to be equally divided Between him my Son Peter and him my Son Henry above mentioned by an East and West Line