wife Mary Strong the one halfe of all my personall & Real Estate. Item I give to my sonn James Strong (and my daughter Mary Strong the other halfe of my Estate to be equally divided betwixt them. It is my Will that Coll. Philemon Loyd (and James Sedgwick both of Maryland to be my sole Executors of all matter of concernes both of goods and debts in Maryland and Virginia In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand (and seale the year and day above written

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of us.

Heneage Robinson — James Strong (Sealed)

John Payne

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James Smith — The aforegoing will was thus subscribed vidz.

Then Heneage Robinson & John Payne & James Smith made Oath that the said James Strong signed sealed & delivered the aforegoing Will as his last Will & Testament & that he was of sane sound (and good memory at the makeing thereof. Sworne as aforesaid before me

James Cullen Regr.

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Sterling on the Clefts in Calvert County being sick of body but praised be God of sound (and perfect memory doe make and ordaine this to be my last Will (and Testament in manner and forme following Imprs. I give (and bequeath my soule into the hands of God from whom I had it hopeing for remission of my sinns (and salvation in & through the merits and sufferings of Jesus Christ my Saviour (and redeemer (and my body to have decent (and Christian burriall according to the discretion of my Executrix and for what world ly Estate it hath pleased God to indowe me with I doe hereby dispose of it as followeth, Item I give and bequeath to my dear loveing wife Christian Sterling dureing her naturall life That plantacon where I now live being part of a tract of land called Upper Bennett, Item I give and bequeath to my said dear wife dureing her natural life three Negros with the Negro Will the Negro Richard the Negro Sarah, Item I give and bequeath to my sonn Thomas and his heirs for ever the parcells of land Estate mentioned vidz. a parcell of land called Mays Choice containing by patent 500 Acres. Sterlings Nest containing by Patent 550 Acres. Sterlings Chance containing by Patent 40 Acres with that plantacon where I now live after the death of my said dear wife, Item I give (and bequeath to my son Thomas the negro Thomas with his two Children Thomas (and Henry (and the negro Sarah after the death of my said dear wife with all their increase that hereafter shal be procreat betwixt them Item I give (and bequeath to my sonn Thomas after he attains to the age of Sixteen years two young Cows named White back (and Goodluck with their female increase Item I give (and bequeath to my said sonn Thomas after he attains to the age of Sixteen years One third of the produce of my Orchard with one third of the Cyder Caske (and all my books (and that he shall neither buy nor sell without the advice of two of his Overseers before the age of Twenty one years, Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth One thousand acres of land in Baltimore County being part of a tract of land containing fifteen hundred Acres called Nova Scotia to her and her heirs for ever. Item I give & bequeath to my said daughter Elizabeth after the death of my said dear wife two Negros vidz. William (and Richard. Item I give (and bequeath to my said daughter Elizabeth two heifers called Young Brown & Young Red Rose with their female increase, Item I give &

bequeath to my brother Dorumple (and his heirs five hundred acres of land in Baltimore County being the remaining part of the aforesaid fifteen hundred acres of land called Nova Scotia. Item I give & bequeath to my said brother three Cows to be delivered to him at his first seating of his own land. Item I give (and bequeath the whole remaining part of my personall Estate to be equally divided betwixt my said dear wife (and two Children vidz. Thomas & Elizabeth, Thomas his whole Estate both personall & Real with the aforementioned parcells of land (that plantacon where I now live (and the said negro Sarah only excepted) to be delivered to him at the age of Sixteen years and that then he may live upon any part of his land the plantacon as aforesaid excepted and Elizabeth to have her whole Estate personall & real at the age of sixteen or the day of marriage which shall first happen the Negros Will & Richard aforesaid excepted (and untill such time as aforesaid that my whole Estate shall remain in the possession of my said dear wife & she to have the produce thereof for the Educating schooling & maintaining of my Children (and if it should happen that either of my said Children should dye without heirs lawfully begotten of their own bodyes that then & in that case his or her estate that dyeth both land (and negros shall then fall to the survivour and in case that both my Children shall happen to dye before they attain to perfect age that then my whole Estate of land (and plantacons fall to the heirs of John Buchanen or James Bowell in the Kingdome of Scotland. Item I Will (and Ordain my said dear wife to be sole Executrix of all & singular my Estate (and to deliver to my two Children their equall portions at their respective ages aforementioned Item I doe nominate appoint (and ordain my trusty well beloved friends Henry Kent, Willm Darumple John Scott & James Hugh to be overseers of this my last Will & Testament (and to see every thing & things therein mentioned & performed & fulfilled according to the true intent and meaning thereof, In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto sett my hand (and seale this 24th day of January Anno Domi 1684/5 -

Signed sealed (and dd in the presence of us - — Thomas Sterling (Sealed)

Andrew Tenehill

James Mann

John Scott — The aforegoing will was thus endorsed vidz.

June 27th 1685. Then came before me Andrew Tenehill, James Mann and John Scott and made Oath that they did see the within mentioned Thomas Sterling signe & seale this within specified Will as Witnesse my hand & seale the date above -

Geo: Lingan (Sealed)

Pr. Sigi

In the name of God Amen Whereas I Edward Stevens of Pocomoke in the County of Somersett in the Province of Maryland planter being in body sick & weake but in perfect & sound memory blessed be the Almighty (and considering the frailty of flesh (and that it is appointed for all men to dye I doe here make known unto all men that I doe revoke disanull & make void all former Will or Wills Testament or Testaments, Legacy or Legacies by me formerly had made Ordained Constituted or appointed to be made (and doe now absolutely fully & wholly make Constitute and Ordaine this to be my absolute last Will & Testament Imprs. I doe humbly resigne and bequeath my soule to God that gave it trusting (and relying only on the infinite merits of my blessed Saviour & my body to the ground to be decently (and Christianly buryed (and for those temporary blessings which the Lord hath been pleased to bestow upon me I doe give and bequeath in manner & forme following