1676

Die martis 20 Martij

To all xpian People

to whome this shall come. Greeting in our lord god Everlasting I John Shepheard of new England now indisposed in body but of found minde & of perfect memory, doe ordaine this to be my last Will & testament to stand in force strength & vertue after my decease, revoking & making void any former Will heretofore past by me, doe therefore give & dispose what Worldly estate god hath blessed me with as ffollowetb viz:

Imp: My soule to god to gave it
my body to the Earth.

Item I John Dennis of St Maries County in the Province of Mary land thirty pounds sterling

Item George Hodder now mate of the good Ship Tho: & Mary of London Capt Wm Adams Commander three tunns Logwood.

To Elizabeth Adams in Topsham the daughter of the aforesaid Capt Wm Adams all my estate that shall be left after the disposall of the above legacies appointing her my sole executrix, to the truts of this my Will, that I am of Judgement & discretion in the understanding my Desire in the above legacies to be disposed. I have hereunto set my hand & seale 8 ber 21st 1676

Signum
John + Shepheard (sealed)

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of
Abraham Blagge
William Adams 1676

marke of
Elizabeth + Pennison
Mary marke of Pennison

And —

And at the foote of the said Will was thus written viz

The above specified Will was proved by the oaths of Elizabeth Pennison & Mary Pennison witnesses thereunto, this fifteene day of March 1676 Coram me —

John Lewellin

Ch: Baltamore

Charles

absolute lord & Proprietary of the Province of Maryland & Avalon lord Baltamore &c. To our Dearly beloved Vnole Philip Calvert Esq: our Chancello: of our said Province of Maryland **greeting**

whereas for the due administration of Justice it is most necessary that there be a succession from the dead to the living, & that the wills of all persons dying, who in their life time, doe make wills, may be duely proved, & letters of administration of all persons dying without Wills, may be granted to such persons who have the best right to succeede thereunto, that there may (in that case) be noe failer of Justice but that it may be duely administred to all people within the said Province of Maryland

Know therefore that we trusting in the ability Care & integrity of you our said Vnole have Constituted & ordained, & by this our Commission doe Constitute & Appoint you our said vnole to be our Judge or Commissary generall for probate of Wills & granting

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