In The Name of God Amen I John Short of Calvert County in the
Province of Maryland Merchant being Sick and
but thanks be to God perfect in Mind and Memory Do Make this my
last Will and Testament in Manner and forme hereafter.
Att Bowne and Superstitious And hereby revoaking and Making
void all or any former Will and Wills by me heretofore Made or
pretended to be Made Imprs I Give and Bequeath my Soule into
the Hands of the Almighty God my Creator Stedfastly believing
And hoping that in and through the Merritts of his only Sonne
And my Saviour I Shall receive Forgiveness and absolution from
all my Sinns And Trespasses Committed against him in my Life
Course of my Life And that at the Resurrection I Shall rise
against with the Elect injoy Eternall life And as for my Temporall
which God of his Goodness And Mercy hath bestowed upon me I Give
And bequeath as followeth (viz:) I Give and Bequeath unto my Sonne
Benj.a Short Whom he Shall be Eighteen years of Age at least
or parcell of Land Containing Fifty Acres More or Less Lying &
being in Calvert County upon Patuxent River Called and known
by the Name of Johnsons farme Also I Give and bequeath to my
said Sonne Benjamin Whom he Shall Arrive at the Age aforesaid
two Good Young Negroe Slaves And twenty head of Cattle to be between
the Age of three and seven years old also thirty head of Hogs
also one Good Sadle Horse And one Feather Bed And furniture Att
every part of the above Named Land And other things above
Mentioned I Give and Bequeath to my said Sonne Benj.a And his heirs
for ever but if it Should please God my said Sonne Benjamin Dye before
he Attaines the Age of Eighteen years or without heirs of his body
Law fully begotten then I Give and Bequeath the aforementioned
parcell of Land to my Daughter in Law Eliz.a Fawnsey Wife And to
her heirs for ever Also it is my Will And Desire that if it Should
please God my Wife Should Dye before my said Sonne Benj.a Should
Attaine the Age of Eighteen years that my Sonne Benj.a be under
Care and Tuition of Robt. Bradley till he Shall Attaine y.e Age
And that the two Negroe Men above bequeathed to my said Sonne be
also Delivered for his use to the said Bradley the produce of their
Labour to go for his Maintenance And Education Item I Give &
bequeath unto my Loving Wife all the Remaining part of my Estate
Moveable and unmoveable be it vested in Goods Chattles Money &
Debtors to be by her Disposed of as she Shall think fitt And
Convenient And I Do hereby Constitute And Make my said
Loving Wife to be my Sole And only Executrix of this my last will

Testament

Testament Desiring all my Just Debts may be honestly paid And my
body Decently buried by her also it is my further Desire that after my
Decease Robert Bradley And Mr David Linall Do Inventory And take
into their Custody all the Goods in my Store belonging to Mr Edward
Carslow and Company of London Merchant And that they the said
Bradly and Linall Keep them in their Custody till Such time they Have
Made up and Settled Att Accounts between me and the said Carslows
In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and Seale this
27.th Day of June in the years of our Lord God 1698

John Short (Seale)

Signed Sealed & Declared to be the
last Will and Testament of
Mr. John Short in y.e presence
of us
Elizabeth Evans
Ann Hall
Joseph Owen
Edward his Signum Ball

On the back of the aforegoing Will it was
then Endorsed (viz:) July 9:1698
Then Came Edward Ball and Elizabeth Evans
And Made Oath upon the holy Evangilist
that they Saw the within Mentioned John Short
Signe Seale Publish and Declare the Within Mentioned
to be his Last Will and Testament before me
Jno. Willymott Dep.ty Comiss.ry

Att y.e Same Day Came Ann Hall And Made Oath upon the
holy Evangilist that she Saw the above Mentioned John Short
to Signe Seale And publish the within Mentioned to be his
Last Will and Testament Sworne
Jno. Willymott Dep.ty Comiss.ry

In The Name of God Amen the first Day of Jan.y Anno Dom.
1697 I Hugh Ally of Calvert County being Weake of Body but of Sound
And perfect Memory thanks be to God Do Make this my Last Will
And Testament in Manner and forme following that is to Say first
I bequeath my Soule and Spirit into the Hands of Almighty God
my heavenly Father by whome of his Mercy and only Grace I trust to
be Saved And Redeemed into Eternall rest through the Death of my
Saviour And Redeemer Jesus Christ in whom precious Blood I Set the
onely hope of my Salvation my Body in hope of a Joyfull resurrection
I Committ to the Earth to be buried in Such place as my Dearest wife
Ruth Shall think Good And touching the Distribution of my Morrall
Goods I Dispose of the Same as followeth Viz:
Imp.s I will that Mr Hunlows Children be first paid what is Due to them by
his Will