In the Name of God Amen

I John Townsend Senr of Lom Dett County in ye Province of Maryland Planter being Sick in body but of Sound & perfect memory praised be Almighty God and Calling to Remembrance the uncertainty of this transitory Life & that all Flesh must yield unto Death when it shall please God to Call doe make Constitute ordeyne & Declare this my Last Will and Testament in Manner & forme following Viz: Revoking and Anynulling all former Wills and Testaments by me Made either by Word or by Writing and this only to be taken for my Last Will & Testament and noe other And first being penitent and sorry from my bottom of my heart for my sinns past humbly desiring forgiveness for ye same I give and Committ my Soule to Almighty God my Saviour & Redeemer in whom and through the Merrills of Jesus Christ I trust and believe Assuredly to be saved & that my Soule & my body and the Gen. Day of Resurrection shall rise Again w.th Joy to possess and inherit the Kingdom of Heaven prepared for his Elect and Chosen And now for ye Settling of my Temporall Estate and such goods and Chattles as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I doe order Give and Dispose ye same in Manner and forme following Viz:

Imprs. I will that all my Debts that I owe in Right or Conscience to any Person or Persons whatsoever be Well and duly Satisfied and paid or Ordeyned to be paid within Convenient time after my Decease by my Executor hereafter Named and that my body be buried in a Decent and Christian like manner

Item I Give & bequeath unto my Son Mr. Samuel Townsend Junr a peell of Land Containing two Hundred Acres Called Oake Ball Likewise another parcell of Land Containing Hundred Acres Called Samuels discovery to him ye said Mr. Samuel his Heirs and Assigns for Ever

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Solloman Townsend Two Hundred Acres of Land Called Greenes after my Wife decease due in Case my said Son Solloman doe live Shall then my Son Executor Severall and shall Severally possess and Enjoy the said Land

Item I Give & bequeath after my Wife's decease unto my Son Charles Townsend my Negro Woman Called Betty but if it happen ye said Negro Woman shall have any children before my said Wife decease ye said increase to be my said Wife's especiall

Item I Give & bequeath unto my Son William Townsend my three Sons Called Tom & Jeffery Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Benjamin Townsend Negro Tom Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Rose to Robert Smith my Sonn James Townsend Negro Tom Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Rose Negro Jeffery Item I give & bequeath ye remaining pte of my personall Estate unto my Wife Elizabeth Townsend and her children and if her but in Case any of ye said Children shall marry or goe away from their said Mother then ye said personall Estate shall be devided & ye persons soe shall be debarred to live or noe to take away the Estate Shall Entitled to the Indentures to be taken Care of and managed for ye Use of her & ye Children & remained w.th her in Gen.ll Wattnell and Comprehension Gent. & I do ordain Sonne Samuel Townsend John Townsend

Signed Sealed & delivered in ye presence of Mary H Budline mark Daniel X Demand mark John Coker

Memorand that ye 25 day of Sept 1693 ye Will was made & the above Will ye Oath of all ye Wittnesses then Were Executor & appraisers granted Lill Esqr pecuniary Ex.tor Gen.ll or Lieut. provided by said Executor Willmott Depty Commiss

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This third day of January in the Ninth year of the reigne of our Soveraigne Lord William the third by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King defender of the Faith &c and in the year of our Lord God 1697 or 1697

I Thomas Atkinson being of sound and perfect memory and being Cast on bed of Sickness and knowing the Frailty of mans Nature for Mankind we are to Casualties by which we are soe in danger Every Man and not knowing how soon it may please God to summons me hence therefore fitt and necessary to set my Worldsom Order by making this my Last will & Testament which is as followeth.

Imprs. I bequeath my Soule and Spirit into the Hands of Almighty God my heavenly father hoping through his infinite mercyes in Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and Redeemer to obtaine remission of my Sins and be received into Everlasting Life my body in hopes of a joyfull resurrection I bequeath to the Earth from whence it came to be decently buried at the discretion of my Ex.tor hereafter named as to their wordly Goods it has pleased God of his Goodness to intrust me with I dispose of them as followeth. Imprs. I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Anne the Plantation whereon I now dwell for to Enjoy the same till my Daughter Eliz. Atkinson Comes to the age of Sixteen Years or day of Marriage then the said Plantation to be equally devided betwixt them & all other Lands & houses whatsoever And att the decease of my wife Anne I then give and bequeath the said Plantation to my said Daughter Elizabeth and her heirs for Ever Item I give and bequeath all the rest and of my reall and personall Estate of what Nature or quality soever my Debts being first paid to be equally devided upon a Joint Tenancy between my Wife Ann & my Daughter Eliz. my said Daughter to Enjoy ye same at ye age of Sixteen Years or day of marriage Item I shall pray God my Daughter Eliz. should die in her Nonage or before marriage then and I bequeath my whole Estate both personall and Reall or Nature and Quality soever to my Dearly beloved Wife William and her heirs for Ever Item I doe make Constitute and Appoint my Dearly beloved Wife William and Son Executrix in all and every all freely to possess for ye good of my Daughter Eliz. according to this my Will unless ye time of delivery will be before she attain ye age or day of marriage Item my Will & Testament is that John Sanderson and Jacob Moreland be Overseers of this my Last Will & Testament to see all this Inserted in my Will duly performed with time and place prefixed mentioned & this I doe Confirme by hand & seale ye day & year first above written

Signed Sealed in ye presence of
Jacob Moreland
Robt Skinner
Rich Gilbron
Thomas X Gollman mark

Sealed in ye 28 Day of Aug 1698

Thomas Atkinson (Seale)

Then Came before me Jacob Moreland Rich Gilbron & Thomas Gollman three of ye Witnesses to ye Last Will & Testament of Thomas Atkinson late of Charles County and proved ye same in due manner & forme according to Law

Rich Doughton Depty Comm.ry
Carroll Comptr

Maryland ss.