In the Name of God Amen the 18th of December 1716 I
Thomas Lawson of Charles County & Province in the province of Maryland being
very sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind & Memory thanks be given unto
God I do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testam.t in manner and forme
following that is to say first and principally I give my Soule unto the hands of Almighty
God who gave it me and my Body to the Earth to be decently buryed in a Christian like Burying at
the Discretion of my Ex.tors nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall
receive the same again by the Mighty power of God — As touching my worldly Estate —
wherewithal it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me, I give and bequeath unto my
loving ~~[illegible]~~ Wife Eliza Lawson one third part of all other things whatsoever and
to my son Wm Lawson all the Remainder to be Equally Devided amongst them and of
this my Last Will and Testam.t I make my wellbeloved Wife my full and ~~[illegible]~~ whole
Ex.tor confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testam.t In Witness
whereof I have here set my hand and seale the day & year above Written

Signed Sealed, published & Declared by the
Tho: Lawson as his Last Will and Testam.t in
presence of

Thos Lawson ~~[illegible]~~ his marke

Wm Wilkinson, Thos — his marke Corbey, Thos his marke Beach

On the Back of wch Will was thus Endorsed viz.t

March the 12th 1716 Came Thos Corbey and Thomas Beach Witnesses to the within
Writing and took Oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that they saw
the within named Thomas Lawson publish and Declare the matter therein
Contained to be his Last Will & Testament

Coram me Eli Jenifer Cancellar

Jacob Mercer

In the Name of God Amen I Jacob Mercer in the County of Calvert and
Hundred and in the parish of Sainte X being sick and weak in Body but of good and perfect
Memory thanks be to Almighty God and calling to mind the uncertainty of this
Transitory Life and that all Flesh must yield unto death when it shall please the
Almighty God to call do make and ordain and declare this to be my Last Will and
Testament Revoking and Disannulling all other Will or Wills by heretofore by
me made or declared to be made and this only to be taken for my Last
Will and Testament in manner and forme following first I bequeath
my soul to Almighty God from whence I received it and after my decease my
Body to be decently buried by my Ex.tors hereafter Nominated and Appointed, and
now for the settling and Disposing of my Temporal Estate wherein it hath
pleased God to bless upon me first my Will is that all my Debts that I owe be
fully paid and Discharged and afterwards my Estate to be disposed in manner
and forme following — First I do ordain and appoint my dear and Loving Wife
Mary to be my whole Ex.tor —

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Mother one feather Bed and furniture belong-
ing to it during her Natural Life and after her decease to fall to my Son
John Dixa Mercer and if my Son should dye to go to my Daughter Elizabeth
and all the rest of my Estate to be Equally devided between my Wife Mary
and my son John and my Daughter Elizabeth, My Will is that my son John
should be for himself at eighteen years of Age but not to receive his
portion till he is twenty one years of Age, and my Will is that my
Daughter Elizabeth shall have her portion paid her at Sixteen years of
Age or the day of Marryage — In Witness whereof I have here unto set
my hand and seale this thirty day of January Anno Domi one thousand
seven hundred and sixteen —

Jacob + Mercer

Signed sealed and Delivered in presence of us
Henery H Batman, Rich.d Loaden

On the Back of which Will was thus Endorsed viz.t

April the 2d 1717 Then came Henry Batman and Rich.d Loaden
Witnesses to the within Will and made Oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
God that they saw the Testator Jacob Mercer sign seale Publish
and Declare this same to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the same
time he was of perfect Mind and Memory to the best of their Knowledge

W Bladen Cy

In the Name of God Amen the twelfth day of December Anno Domini
1715 I John Peare of Cecill County in the Province of Maryland being sick in Body
but of good and perfect Memory thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to
Remembrance the uncertain Estate of this Transitory Life and that all Flesh
must