in manner & forme following that is to say First & Principally I commend my Soule into the hands of Almighty God hopeing through the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have free & full Pardon & forgiveness of all my Sins & to Inherit Ever=lasting Life & my Body I Committ to the Grave to be decently buried at the Direction of my Exec. hereafter Named And as touching the Disposition of all Such Temporall Estate as it hath pleased Almighty to bestow upon me I give & Dis=pose of the same as followeth (viz.) Imprs. I will that all my just Debts which I owe to any person or persons whatsoever all the time of my Decease by my Exec. hereafter named be well & truly payd

Item I give & Bequeath unto Thom.s Webster my Nephew all the Land which is of my owne Purchase to him & his heires for ever.

Item I give & Bequeath unto my Sisters Ann & Mary my two Ne=groes Samboe & Jane & her Increase after my Mothers Decease.

Item I give & Bequeath unto John Bowers my Nephew a Negroe named Joe to him & his heires for ever.

Item I give & Bequeath unto my Sister Elizabeth Bowers a Negroe boy named Charles to her & her heires for ever.

Item I give & Bequeath unto my Loveing Mother all my Hogg & Cattle & a Bay Mare & all the Debts due to me & my Clothes to her & her heires for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto John Bower my Brother in law all my Sheep & my Gun to him & his heires for ever.

Item I give & Bequeath unto John Bower my Nephew a Blackman Colt to him & his heires for ever.

Lastly I make and ordaine my loveing Mother my full & whole and only Exec.x of this my last Will & Testament & doe hereby utterly Revoke & make void all former wills & Testaments by me here=tofore made or Declared. In Witnesse whereof I have here=unto set my Hand & Seale to this my last Will & Testament this twenty Second Day of February one Thousand Seven hundred & Seventeene

John his ID marke Dowsett (Seal)

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the Presence of us

Jos. Allen — William his X marke Austin — Thom.s his X marke Windser —

The aforegoing Will was thus Endorsed — Item

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Then came Joseph Noble & Thom.s Windser witnesses to the within will & made Oath upon the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw the within named John Dowsett Signe & Seale & heard him Publish & Declare the within Instrument of writeing as his last will & Testament & that at the time of his doing there=of he was to the best of their apprehension of perfect Sense & memo=ry Sworn before me

Patrick Hepburne
Depty Com.ry Pr: Geo: Ely

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In the Name of God Amen. I Thom.s Davis being infirm in Body but Sound & perfect in memory & understanding make this my last will & Testament & hereby Annull any & all others here=tofore by me made I give my Soule to my Creatour & Redeemer Jesus Christ, my Body to be decently buried as my Exec.r shall think fitt as for my temporall Estate I dispose as followeth

Imprs. I Bequeath to my Respected freind Mr. Wm. Hunter Six pounds Curr.t

Item I Bequeath to my very good Freind Mr. Wm. Chandler my great brass Kettle, one paire of Racks & Irons.

Item I Bequeath to Margaret Dorrington (on Proviso she keeps him for y.e use of the Plantation & going to Church) my house Mauborough

Item I Bequeath to Mr. Thos. Webster my New White lined with Blew & negro Rideing Coat.

Item I Bequeath all the rest of my Personall Estate to be Disposed of (my just debts being payd) at y.e good liking of my Exec.r in Carity, by the Consent of Mr. Wm. Hunter.

Item I Appoynt & Constitute Mr. Wm. Chandler whole & Sole Exec.r of this my last Will & Testament In Witnesse whereof I hereunto affix my hand & Seale this thirteenth Day of Janry Annoq. Dni 1717/18

Signed Sealed & Published in Presence of us & going to Church interlined before sealing

John his X marke Ensey — Margaret her X marke Dorrington —

Thos. Davis (Seal)

Janry 20th 1717

Proved in Ceylon form by the Oath of John Ensey & Marg.t Dor=rington Witnesses hereto attesting Coram me

J. Conke D.C.