March 10th 1718

Henry Brett and Edwd Shelden Subscribing wittnesses to ye within will dispose on ye holy Evengelists of allmighty god that they or Either of them saw James Martin in his Life signe and seale ye within Instrument as his Last will and testament and that he publised and declared the same to be so and that at ye time of his so doing he was of sound and perfect mind and memory to ye best of their knoledge before me ye day and year afsd

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Maryland ss In the name of God Amen the 29th of may 1713 I John Compton being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect memory Praise be to god for ye same, and knowing ye Uncertainty of this Life on Earth and being Desirus to settle things in order, doe make this my Last will and testament in manner and form folloing - that is to say first and principally I Commend my Soul to allmighty god my Creator Assuredly believeing that I shall have full pardon and free remission of all my sins, and be saved by the Precious Death and merritts of my blessed Saviour & Redeemer Christ Jesus and my body to ye Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such decent and Christian manner as to my Executors hereafter named, shall be thought most and Convenient and as touching such worldly Estate as ye Lord in Mercy hath Lent me my will and meaning is ye same shall be imployed and bestowed as hereafter by this my will is Expressed first I will that all my Debts and duties as I Live in

Wright or Concient to any manner of persons or persons What soever shall be well and truly Contended and paid or Ordained to be paid by my Executors here after nained within Convenient time after my Decease

Item I give and bequeath Eldest son John two thirds of my battend Land that Lies both in Charles County and St Marys County and also two Third of my Honrable Estate both houshold goods Chattles and horses or what Ever Elce of right or Justice belonging to me

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Matthew ye One third part of my Battend Land that Lies both in Charles County and St Marys County Viz. all the Land in both Entreys being devided into three parts my Eldest son John shall have two and my son Matthew one my Son Matthew also a third part of my personall Estate

Item I will that Nether of my son John nor my son Matthew shall Enjoyne my Land noe Longer then they shall Live and then it shall goe to ye next heirs of them ~~either~~ both and soe as long as any of the family of ye Comptons shall Continue in this world Viz. Either of the heirs of my son John or my son matthew Compton

Item I will that my son John shall Emmediately Enjoy one third part of my Battend Land together with my Sele

Item I doe appoint my Son John and my son Matthew Joynt Executors of this my Last will and testament as wittness my hand and seale this 29th of may 1713

John X his mark Compton (Seal)