257 arrive to y^d Age of Sixteen Years or be married then what I have in this my Will Devised unto them I hereby Will & devise unto Samuel Ashcom Martha Ashcom & Susannah Ashcom Children of my Son Charles Ashcom to them and ye Survivour or Survivours of them.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter in Law Judith Ashcom my black Suit of Paduasoy Clothes my black Velvet Hood & my Night Gown y^t came this Year from England for my Self.

Item The rest of my wearing Cloaths I give to my two Grand Children Mary Ashcom Greenfield & Elizabeth Greenfield to be equally divided between them.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Grandson Samuel Ashcom all the money I shall have in England at the time of my Death in whose hands soever it be and the produce of all the Tobacco I shall have in England at the time of my Death & also all the Money Tobacco and Effects that I shall have in Maryland at the time of my Death all which it is my Will shall be laid out on ye purchase of a tract of Land for him ye Same Samuel Ashcom & his Heires forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Said Grandson Samuel Ashcom one Negro Boy named Guy one feather Bed & furniture two pair of Sheets one new Silver Lan marked MD Six Ewes & a Ram two breeding Sows one Young House one Young Mare, three Cows & Calves & three Young Steers.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Grandaughter Martha Ashcom one Negro Boy called Jack one feather Bed and furniture wth two pair of Sheets two pair of pillow Beers one Silver Porringer one Small Silver Salt two Silver Spoons one pair of Gold Bobbs the great looking Glass the Press the Chest & Cane Couch that are in the Hall Six black Cane Chairs one pair of handirons in ye Hall one Small Oval Table made of Oak one Huckaback Table Cloth & twelve Napkins three Cows & Calves three Young Steers two breeding Sows Six Ewes & a Ram two Young Mares and a Horse.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Susannah Ashcom one Negro Girl called Joice one feather Bed and furniture one great Silver Salt Seller one Silver tumbler two Silver Spoons Six Ewes & a Ram, three Cows & Calves three Steers two breeding Sows one Mare and one Young Horse.

And now having disposed of thus much of my Estate to my Several Grand-Children I hereby Charge my four Grand Daughters on my blessing that they never marry a Papist or Roman Catholick hereby declaring that I desire it may allways be taken as a part of my Will & I hereby declare that it is my true intent & meaning that if any of them should ever Marry with one of that false Religion that whatever is in this my Will allotted to her or them who shall so do that that devise be absolutely Void and such Grand Child to have no benefitt by this my Will but that what is thereby Devised go unto my Executor hereinafter-named or such who shall legally represent him being Members of the Church of England.

258 Item I give and bequeath unto my three Grand Children Samuel Martha & Susannah Ashcom all that part of the Estate of my Son John Ashcom deced which belongs unto me be it in my own or the possession of my Son Charles Ashcom at the time of my Death to be equally divided between them ye S^d Samuel Martha & Susannah Ashcom.

Item I give and bequeath unto my wellbeloved Son Charles Ashcom & his Heires for ever one Negro Man called Tony and all ye remaining part of my Estate real and personal which I now have or hereafter shall have which is not in this my Will Devised or given away.

Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Shelly Wife of William Shelly one Cow & Calf and my every Day wearing Cloaths.

Item it is my Will that if any of the Negroes die wch I have devised to any of my Grand Children that they & not my Executor bear ye Loss.

Lastly I hereby Authorize Constitute & appoint my Dear Son Charles Ashcom to be whole & Sole Executor of this my Last Will & Testament and also to keep in his possession the Several Legacies I have before devised unto my Grand Children before named untill they arrive to ye age of Sixteen Years and also I appoint my Said Son Charles Ashcom to keep in his hands & Custody whatever was left by Winifred Ashcom unto Mary Ashcom Greenfield & Elizabeth Greenfield untill they shall be Sixteen or be married the S^d Charles to Continue ye Executorship to ye Said Winifred till the S^d Mary Ashcom Greenfield & Elizabeth come to Age or be married and I do hereby absolutely Positively & freely Revoke and make Null and Void all Each and Every of the Will or Wills heretofore by me made or published In Willness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & Seal this Nineteenth Day of February Anno Domini 1723

Martha Dawsey (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published and Declared in the Presence of us.
John Mitchell
James Davies
Richard his R Mark Deavour
Philip Key

To which Will was annexed the following Probate (Viz:)

April 22d 1724

Then came John Mitchell and James Davies and Richard Deavour and Philip Key Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will and made Oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Allmighty God that they saw the Testator Sign and Seal the within Instrument as her Last Will and Testament and that she published and Declared the Same so to be and that at the time of her so doing she was of Sound and perfect Mind and Memory to the best of their Knowledge

Sworn to before me Jno Bakel Dep^ty Comp^ty

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X^d In The Name of God Amen. I Richard Cowles of St Mary's County being Sick & weak of Body but of Sound & disposing Mind & Memory and well knowing ye uncertainty of this transitory life do therefore think fit & Convenient to Settle my temporal affaires in order & better to prepare my Self for a happy Eternity and to prevent

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