Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved Son Richard Melton my Set of Coopers Tooles

Lastly I will and desire that all the rest of my Estate as well quick as Dead be divided amongst my beloved Wife and Children that is to Say one third part to my beloved Wife Mary Melton and the other two thirds amongst my beloved Children to be delivered to them when they come to age or Day of Marriage - For the true and real performance of this my last Will and Testament I Constitute appoint Nominate & ordain my wellbeloved Wife Mary Melton and my trusty & wellbeloved Father in Law Richard Millard my Joint Executrix & Executor of this my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set to my hand and affixed my Seal this Eighth Day of July Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred twenty & four

Sealed Signed & Delivered In the presence of

Thomas his Scot Mark

James Mills

William his WR Rogers Mark

Thompson

Thomas his Mark Melton (Seal)

At the bottom of the aforegoing Will was thus written (Viz:)

7ber The 8th 1724 Then Came Thomas Scott, James Mills, William Rogers, & James Thompson the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Allmighty God that they Saw the Testator Thomas Melton Sign & Seal and heard him Publish and declare the Same as his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their knowledge and apprehension of Sound & disposeing Mind & Memory and that they the aforesd Thos Scott, James Mills, William Rogers, & James Thompson as Witnesses did Subscribe the aforesd Will in the presence of the Said Testator -

Sworn to before Me Tho Airsquith Deputy Comissary of St Mary's County

9th Sides

Maryland St. In the Name of God Amen I Carpender Lillingston of Queen Annes County in the Province aforesaid, being Sick & weak of Body, but of Sound and perfect Memory (thanks be to God for the Same) do this twenty first Day of September in the Year of Our Lord Christ one thousand Seven Hundred and twenty four, make, publish, and declare, this my last Will, and Testament in writing, in manner and form following hereby revoking, annulling, & making (Void

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Void all former and other Wills heretofore by me made.

Imprs I commend my Soul into the hands of Allmighty God, who gave it me, and my Body to the Earth, from whence it came, in hopes of a Joyfull Resurrection, through the Merritts of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and as for that Worldly Estate, it hath pleased God to bless me with, I dispose thereof as followe the

First I give and bequeath unto my Niece Mary Anne Wells the Daughter of John Wells late of Queen Annes County aforesaid Deceased and to the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten all my real Estate and for want of such Heirs of her the Said Mary Ann, then I give my Said real Estate to Mary Till, the Wife of Mr William Till, and Daughter of George Lillingston lately deceased, and to the Heirs of the Body of her the Said Mary Till, being law fully begotten, and for want of such Heirs of her the Said Mary Till, then I give devise and bequeath, my Said real Estate to the Vestrymen of St Pauls Parish in Queen Annes County to be by them appropriated, disposed and made use of, for the use Interest, and benefit, of Saint Pauls Church, in Said parish and County, as to the Said Vestrymen shall seem most meet.

Item My Will and desire is, and I do hereby appoint and order, that after my Just Debts and funerall Charges paid, all my personal Estate of what Nature or kind Soever, be and remain in the hands of my well respected Freind Richard Tilghman Esq for the use of my aforesaid Niece Mary Ann Wells, and the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten, to be by the Said Richard Tilghman Esq surrendred delivered & given up to my Said Niece when she arrives to the age of twenty one years, or Day of Marriage, which Shall first happen and in Case my Said Niece die without such Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten or live not untill She arrives to the age of twenty and one Years as aforesaid or Day of Marriage then I give my Said personall Estate to my two Cousins James Earle, and Carpender Earle, and to the Heirs of their Body's lawfully begotten to be equally divided between them, but in case either of them die without such Issue then I give my Said personal Estate to the Survivor of them

Item I give and bequeath unto Mrs Ernaulls Hawkins Mrs Ann Tilghman Wife of Said Richard Tilghman Esq, my Cousin Elizabeth Turbutt Wife of Mr William Turbutt, my aforesaid Cousins James Earle & Carpender Earle, Doctor Walter Carmichall, and Richard Tilghman Junior, and to every of them, a Mourning Ring, to be given or paid them, and every of them by my Executor hereafter named within twelve Months after my Decease

Item I give and bequeath to the Vestrymen of Saint Pauls parish in Queen Annes County two Silver Salvers of the Value of three pounds Sterling each, to be appropriated for the use of St Pauls Church in the Said Parish and County to be paid by my Executor within twelve Months after my Decease.

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