Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the Testator and at his request which oath was taken by the first mentioned Witnesses in the Presence of John Ryland the Eldest Son of the the aforesaid Testator who did not object thereto In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

John Thompson D. Comty

Sworn sides

In the Name of God Amen, the Twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord God one thousand seven hundred and Forty seven eight I James Armstrong being sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, Viz. Principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my Body I recommend it unto the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same by the might Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate it hath Pleased God to bless me in this Life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. First I desire that all my Legal and just debts be paid of my whole Estate Viz. my real and Personal Estate. Secondly I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Martha the one third Part of my Real and Personal Estate and if my beloved Wife desires to have her Side Saddle I allow her to have it at the appraisement. —

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my four children Viz. John, William and James and my Daughter that is on her mothers breast all the remainder of my whole Estate I allow to be equally divided betwixt my three Sons and young daughter only I allow my young Daughter to have Ten Pounds of the whole Estate for nursing her to them and their heirs & assigns for ever. Fourthly I do allow my Funeral Charges to be paid of my whole Estate. Fifthly I do also constitute and appoint my well beloved wife Martha to be my whole & sole Executor I do also disannul all former Wills by me made and do constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty eighth day of February one thousand seven hundred and forty seven eight. I do also appoint my Brother in Law Fergus Smith and my Cousin John Ritchey to be assisting and aiding my Executor and children. Signed sealed & Delivered in Presence of us

James his X mark Armstrong (Seal)

Robert Gordon
William Smith
John Ritchey

On the back of the foregoing Will was then written Viz. Lucia County Robert Gordon, William Smith & John Ritchey the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing being duly and solemnly Sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God depose and say that they saw the Testator James Armstrong sign the foregoing Will and heard him Publish and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the time of his signing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their Respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testator and at his Request In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of May 1748.

John Thompson D. Comty

On sides

In the Name of God Amen, this Twelfth day of April 1748. I James Foster Being sick and weak of Body tho' in Perfect mind and memory and calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and appoint this to be my last Will and Testament and first I recommend my Soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it and next I commit my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be Buried according to the discretion of my Exect. and as for such worldly goods as God hath been Pleased to endow me with I dispose of in manner and form following and first I will that all my just debts be Paid. —

I do also appoint my beloved Wife Elizabeth to be sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament. Imprimis I give unto my Sd. Wife this Plantation that is to say the use & Profits thereof until my Son James shall arrive at the age of Twenty and one years and then to him his heirs and assigns for ever. 2ndly I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary five Shillings. 3dly I give unto my two other daughters Susanna & Rebecca their equal Portions according to Law.

N. B. that it is in consideration that my Sd. Wife do keep and educate my children that I do allow her the use of said Plantation — I do allow my Wifes uncle James Boulding to have the binding of my Son James according to his discretion to a trade but not to be bound past till he is Twenty years of age or else William Price. In Testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written

James Foster (Seal)

Signed sealed Pronounced & declared in the Presence of us.

Thomas Lorcan, James Price, Marlin Alexander.