sign the said Will and heard him Publish and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament that at the time of his Signing he was to the Best of their apprehension of Sound and disposing mind and memory Before me this Twenty Fifth Day of November anno Domini 1746.

Tho: Bullen Dep: Comy Talbt County

Talbot County ss I hereby certify that the Widow within Named Being Sworn according to Law hath made her Election and Stands and abides by the within Written Will of the deceased Before me the day and year above Written

Th: Bullen Dep: Comy Talbt County

I John Bartlet of Talbot County in the Province of Maryland Smith Being of Sound and Perfect mind and memory through the Goodness of almighty God and Calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life and Desirous to settle things in order do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following Revoking and annulling by these Presents all and every Will or Wills heretofore by me made and this to be taken for my Last Will and Testament, and First and Principally I Recommend my Soul unto the almighty God who gave it me and my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be Buried in such Christian and Decent manner as my Executors shall think convenient, and as Touching such Worldly Estate as the Lord in mercy hath Lent me my Will & meaning is the same shall be Imployed and Bestowed as hereafter by this my Will is expressed.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son Joseph Bartlet all my Dwelling plantation with the Lands and appertainences thereunto Belonging Being part of Ratliff Manner to him & to his heirs for ever after the Decease of my New Loving Wife Mary she to Injoy the same during her Natural Life except that part where my said Son Joseph is Now settled.—

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah Bartlet & to my Grand Son John George all that Tract of Land called Swan Borough Lying in Queen anns County to them and there heirs forever, To be Equally Divided Between them in Quantity of acres and my Daughter Hannah to have her Choice of that half she may Like Best and my Grand Son John George to have the other half. It is my Will that the Division to be made a Crop of said Land & not Lenths way.—

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah Bartlet three Negroes viz Jenny & her Eldest Boy Lisby & the Negro Girl Peggy & one Feather Bed and furniture more than her Part of my Estate.

Item I give unto my Grand Son John George one Negro Boy Named Jeffery to him & his heirs for ever.

Item I give unto my Son Joseph Bartlet my Copper & utensils and all my Smiths Tools to him & his heirs for ever.

Item My will is that my Daughter Hannah & my Grand Son John George should have the Privaledge of my Dwelling Plantation till they can conveniently move away their Stock and Movables.

Item It is my Will that my well beloved Wife may have the use and enjoyment of my Movable Estate during her Widowhood or Natural Life if she so desire it & if any of my children is Inclinable to Receive any thing of what they think may or should be due to them in time out of my Estate then I Impower her or my Executors to take Receipts for the same that they may not after my said Wifes Decease make any Demand for what they so Receive.

And Lastly I do Nominate Constitute and appoint my Son Joseph Bartlet & my Grand Son John George to be Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20 day of ye third month anno Domini 1748.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged in the presence of. John Bartlet (Seal)

Abednego A Bedfield s mark } on the Back of the foregoing Will was thus written viz

George Rull } Talbot County ss Abednego Bedfield and

John Porter } George Rull two of the Subscribing Witnesses

to the foregoing Will being Sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God depose and say that they saw the Testator John Bartlet sign and seal the same Will and heard him Publish and declare the same to be his Last Will and Testament 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 the said Deponents did Subscribe their respective Names as Witnesses to the said Will in the Presence of the said Testator and at his Request Before me this second Day of December anno Domini 1748.

Tho: Bullen Dep: Comy Talbt County

Talbot County ss John Porter the other witness subscribed to the foregoing