Queen Anns County ss. — The Deposition of Michael Nelson of the said County Planter aged Thirty Three Years or thereabouts who being Sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God doth depose and Say that upon the fifth day of June last past being at the late dwelling House of Sarah Robinson deceased where She was then lying on her Death Bed the Said Sarah Called to this Deponent and desired him to bear Witness of what she was going to Say and then Spake the following Words Viz. "I desire that Rachel Chambers may have my Bridle and Side and Side Cloth if I should not recover and that my Two Sisters may have all my Clothes except one Linsey Woolsey Gound" And this Deponent further Saith that the said Sarah Robinson at the Time of her Speaking the above Testamentary Words was to the best of his Apprehension of Sound and disposing Mind and Memory and further Saith not

Michael Nelson

1754 July 18th

upon Sides. Ex.d Sworn before me — Wm Tilghman Dep. Com.y of Queen Anns County

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In the Name of God Amen I Christopher Bateman being in good Health and sound Memory Thanks be to God do make ordain constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Susannah my Dwelling Plantation during her Widowhood Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Christopher my Plantation which I bought of John Howard and his Issue lawfully begotten and on failure of Such Issue I give the said Land to my Son James and his Heirs Item I give and bequeath unto my Son James my Dwelling Plantation and his Issue lawfully begotten and on failure of Such Issue I give my said Dwelling Plantation to my Son Christopher and his Heirs provided that he the said Christopher allows the said James Timber off his Land for the use of his Plantation at Such Time when there is not a possibility for the Said James to get it off his own And in Case my aforesaid Sons Chas and James should die without Issue then I give the aforesaid Lands to my Two Grandsons Thomas and Harley Pete to be Equally divided — Lastly It is my Will that after all my Just Debts are paid that then the Remaining Part of my personal Estate shall be Equally divided between my Children viz. William Christopher James Mary and Sarah. I do by these presents constitute and appoint my loving Wife Susannah to Execute this my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made Witness my Hand and Seal this Sixth day of June Anno Domini 1751 —

Signed Sealed published and declared in the presence of Thos Bordley, David Crane, Thos Milton — Chris: Bateman (Seal)

Prerogative Office Ss.

To the foregoing Will the following Depositions were annexed viz.

Then Came also Richd Lloyd & made Oath on the holy Evangels of Almighty God that Christopher Bateman the Testator delivered that Very Will to which this Deposition is annexed to him the said Richard above Two Years ago to keep for him and told this Deponent that it was his last Will & Testament. That the said Christopher was an

Inspector at Chester Town Warehouse and lived generally to dine at this Deponents that he seldom missed a Day & that he this Deponent very well Remembers that the said Christopher for a long Time before & after the Delivery of the Will was Well and in Sound & perfect mind & memory to the best of his Apprehension and Judgment. This Deponent further Says that about Two Years ago when this Deponent returned from a Journey he was informed that the said Christopher was very ill & much wanted to see him. Upon which he this Deponent went immediatly to his House after a little Conversation he the Said Christopher asked this Deponent whether he had overlooked at his Will upon being answered he had not he the said Christopher Begg'd this Deponent to look at it & let him know when this Deponent returned next his Opinion of it. Upon being Asked by this Deponent whether he had any objections to any part of the Will. He the said Christopher Said he had not any. This Deponent then told him he thought there was no Occasion for his looking at the Will but upon the said Christophers further Intreating him he this Deponent promised him that he would & accordingly when he went home did open the Will & read the Contents Upon going to See him the next day and being Asked by the said Christopher whether he had opened and read the Will and how he liked it This Deponent thought it best (as he was very ill at that Time and had Expressed his Approbation of it the Day before) to tell him he thought it very right This Deponent further Says That Sometime after when the said Christopher was perfectly Recovered & came as usually in his Office for the Delivery of Tobacco That this Deponent then told him that he did not think he had done right in Entailing his Lands That this Deponent upon his Memory is Well convinced & the Will was then before them that he the said Christopher made Answer that it was his Intention his Lands should be Entailed Upon which this Deponent said no more but according to his Desire put away the Will & had it ever since in his possession Until after the Death of the said Christopher when he delivered it into the Hands of Mr Jno Coder Dep. Comm.r of Kent County. This Deponent says further That at the Time of the last Conversation with the said Christopher He this Deponent to the best of his Judgment and Apprehension is convinced that the said Christopher was in good health (tho Weak) & of Sound Mind & perfect disposing Memory Also this Deponent further Says that he was Well acquainted with the Handwriting of the said Christopher Also with the Handwriting of Thomas Bordley & David Crane Two of the Witnesses & is convinced that those Names to the Will annexed are the very handwriting of those persons there Subscribed & further Saith not

Richd Lloyd

Taken and Sworn to this Tenth day of September 1754 before Benj. Tasker Cur. Cancel.

The above Deposition was taken in presence of William Bateman heir at Law of the deceased who made no Objection thereto —

Certified by M. Macnemara Reg.