In the name of God amen I Thomas Stanton of Queen Anns County in the Province of Maryland Planter being Sick and weak of Body but of sound mind and Perfect Memory Do Constitute Ordain and appoint this my Last Will and Testament Revoking all other Wills

Imprimis I Commit my Soul to Almighty God and my Body to be buried

Secondly I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Thomas Stanton and to his heirs forever my now Dwelling Plantation with Two hundred and forty Acres of Land thereto belonging and Adjoining

Thirdly I Give and Bequeath all my Personal Estate be Equaly Devided between all and every of my Children

fourthly and Lastly I Ordain Constitute and appoint my above mentioned Son Thomas Stanton my Sole and whole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have this seventeenth day of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty five Set my hand and Seal. Signed Sealed and acknowledged before

John Burnett
Alex.r Downey
Elizabeth Swift
Thomas Hammond

his Thomas Stanton Seal
mark

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was wrote the following Probate Viz.t

Queen Ann's County ss. The 26th June 1755 John Bennett Alexander Downey and Elizabeth Swift three of the Subscribing Witnesses to the aforegoing Will being duly and solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God do depose and say that they Saw the Testator Thomas Stanton Sign the same Will and heard him Publish and Declare it to be his Last Will and Testament That at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their Apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they did Subscribe their Respective names and mark as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator and at his Request

Sworn Before me Wm Tilghman Depty Commry of Queen Ann's County

2½ pdes
The Executor informs me that Wm Stanton Heir at Law to the Testator has been gone out of the Country several years

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In the name of God amen I George Plater of St Marys County in the Province of Maryland Esq.r being in perfect health of Body and of

Sound and Disposing mind and Memory Praised be God for the same but Considering the frailty and uncertainty of Humane Life Do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say First and principally I Commend my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God my Heavenly Father hopeing through the Merits Death and Passion of our Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to Obtain free and free Pardon and forgiveness of all my Sins and to Inherit Eternal Life. My Body I Commit to the earth to be Decently but Privately Buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named And as Touching such Worldly Estate as it has pleased Almighty God of his great Goodness to bestow upon me I do give and dispose thereof as follows Viz.t

Imprimis I Give and Devise to my Beloved Son George Plater all my Real Estate which I shall Die Possessed of or have any Right to within this Province England or else where to him and his heirs for ever

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Two Daughters Anne and Elizabeth five hundred pounds Sterling a piece to be paid them by my Executors hereafter mentioned at the Age of Twenty one years or Day of Marriage which shall first happen in manner following that is to say Six hundred pounds Due to me from John Taylor of Virginia Esq.r on Bond to be paid of the said one thousand pounds and the Remaining four hundred pounds to be Raised and paid out of the money due to me on other Securitys or Book Debts or moneys in the hands of any Merchants in England at the time of my Decease which Debts amount to Considerably more than the said four hundred pounds And my further Will and mind is that the Interest of the said five hundred pounds to my Daughter Anne and five hundred pounds to my Daughter Elizabeth as before Bequeathed shall be paid to my two Daughters Annually by my said Executors for their Support and maintenance untill they shall Severally Attain to the said Age of Twenty one years or be married. Item I Give Devise and Bequeath to my Son George Plater all the Rest and Residue of my Real and Personal Estate of what kind or Nature soever to be paid and delivered to him by my said Executors when he shall Attain to the Age of Twenty one years And as I know of no Demand or Claim against me of any Value my Will is that no Debt be paid out of my Estate but such as are proved according to Law.

Item I Give to the poor of the Parish where I now Live and hope to die the sum of fifty pounds

Item I do Nominate and appoint my Son in Law John Taylor Esq.r above mentioned and my Good friend Major Abraham Barnes of St Marys County aforesaid