Item I Leave my Well Beloved wife hole Exec.x names Mary Vance of all my Goods and Chattles and every thing that the Lord hath Bestowed upon me I do make this my Last Will and Testament dis=annulling all other Wills and Testaments by me made as Witness my hand and Seal this Twentieth day of October 1753

his
Alexander X Vance (Seal)
mark

Testes
James Hayman
Isaac Hayman } ad the foot of the foregoing Will was wrote the following Probate viz
Sarah Hayman

September y.e 20th 1755 Came Isaac Hayman and James Hayman the only Surviving Witnesses to this Will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that they saw the Testator Alexander Vance Sign and Seal and heard him publish pronounce and declare this Instrument of Writing and his Last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind Memory and understanding and that they the said Isaac Hayman and James Hayman Subscribed as Witnesses and further on their Oaths do say they saw the other Witness now dead Subscribe as a Witness at same time which was all done in the presence and at the Request of the Testator Alexander Vance

Sworn to before Nehemiah King Dep.y Com.r
of Somerset County

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On the Back of the aforegoing was wrote the Widows Election viz.t
Septem.r the 20th 1755 Came Mary Vance before me the Subscriber and Chose to be Concluded by the thirds of the Personal Estate and and Accepts of the Devise as to the Real Estate
Testis Nehemiah King D. Com.r of Som.t County

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In the name of God Amen I John Key Being at this time weak in Body the perfect and sound both in mind and Memory thanks to Almighty for the same being Sensible of the uncertainty of this Life do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner following viz.t

Imprimis I Commit my Body to the Earth to be decently Interred and my Soul I Recomend to the Mercy of Almighty God hoping thro' the merits of my Blessed Redeemer to Receive Remission of my Sins

and as such Worldly Goods as it hath pleased God to Bless me with I dispose of as follows. To my Beloved wife I give my now dwelling Plantation during her Natural Life and after her decease to my Son Philip and his heirs forever and I also give my wife the following Negroe Slaves viz.t Adam Sarah Jerry and Abigall and their future Increase

To my Son Philip I give the piece of Manner Land I bought from John Nicholas called Nicholases Adventure to him and his heirs for ever

To my wife I Give the Two Silver Cunns I now have during her Life and then to my Son Philip. To my Son Philip I also give the following Negroe Slaves viz.t Harry Bess and Nell and their future Increase

To my Daughter Susanna I give the following Negroe Slaves viz.t Judith and her Child Nacey Sarahs Child Sue and Rachel and their future Increase

I appoint my Beloved wife my whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament and in Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 26th day of March Anno Domini 1755

John Key (Seal)

Signed Sealed and Declared to be his Last Will in the presence of
Rich.d Brown
Will.m Harrison } ad the ford of the aforegoing Will was wrote the
Ja.s Swan } following Probate viz.t

St Marys County ss Septem.r the 2.d 1755 Then Richard Brown William Harrison and James Swann the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being Duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Depose and Say that they Saw the Testator John Key Sign the foregoing Will and heard him Publish and Declare the same 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 Subscribed their Respective names as Witnesses in the presence of the said Testator and at his Request

Sworn to before me Tho: Airquith Dep.y Comm.r of St Marys Co.y

I hereby Certifie that the Deceasers Widow made her Election and Claim to the Will } before me Tho Airquith dep.y Cler.k of St Marys County

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I Sigrew.th Coale of Baltimore County Province of Maryland Being weak of Body but of perfect mind and Memory and Calling to mind the uncertainty of time here do make and Declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz.t