hereto before made ratifying & confirming
to be my Last Will & Testament
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & seal the Day & year above written
Signed Sealed Published declared
& pronounced by the said Lawr Porter
to be his Last Will & Testament in
Presence of us the Subscribers
John Porter Alexander his mark
Lewelain his mark
W Rightson

Lawrence Porter his mark

On the Back of the foregoing Will was this Written viz
Talbot County, to John Porter Alexander
Lewelain & James Wrightson the subscribing
Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly
& solemnly sworn on the Holy Evangels of
almighty God depose & say that they saw the Testator Lawrence Porter sign the
foregoing Will & heard him publish & declare the same to be his Last Will & Testament
that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound &
disposing mind & memory & that they subscribed their respective Names as Witnesses
to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator & at his Request sworn before
me this 19th Day of October 1759
Test Lides Greenwell

Dan'l Maynadier Deputy Comm'y of Prob'y

In the Name of God Amen I Jacob Bromwell of Talbot County in the State of Maryland
being weak of Body but in perfect mind & memory thanks be to God do this fifteenth
Day of September in the year of our Lord God seventeen hundred & fifty seven make
my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following first I recommend my Soul
into the Hands of almighty God who gave it me & not doubting but by the Intercession
of my Blessed Redeemer to obtain Remission of my sins & gain the Everlasting Salvation
& as to my temporal Estate which it hath pleased God to bestow on me I do give as follows
Firstly that my Body shall be decently buried but not extravagance & that my wife
shall think proper Secondly that all my Just Debts be paid & satisfied by my Executor
hereafter mentioned Item my Will & desire is that my wife Mary Bromwell shall have
a good decent maintainance & if she thinks proper to have a Room that she shall have it
by my Son Jacob Bromwell & if my Son or his wife should use her ill that she shall go where
she pleases & my Son Jacob Bromwell shall maintain her during her natural Life in
case she don't marry but in case she should marry & stand to my Will as it is my Desire
that she should stand to my Will then it is my Desire after her marriage she shall entirely
be cut off all my Estate both Real & personable & further if she shall stand to my Will
that Jacob is to buy her a Riding Chair on the same Condition I leave my wife
my Negro Girl Mary Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Robert Bromwell all the interest
Crop of Land that I bought of John Bennet with all the appurtenances thereon to him
& his Heirs Male & in case all his Male Heirs shall die without a Male Heir then my
Will is that the Land shall fall to Edward Bromwell or his Heirs Male & my Old
Sailing Boat with all belonging to her Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Jacob
Bromwell & to his Male Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten all the Houses Lots
& Garden that I now live in with three Beds & furniture & Dozen of Leather
Chairs a Chest of Drawers & three Tables Gun & one Lead Board one Negro woman
named Dido & one Man named Sam one Billiard Table & one Mary now sailing

Boat Sails & Rigging belonging Item my Will is that my Executor may put Spedding
Bromwell to School or if he thinks a minded to stay with his Brother Jacob he learn
him Navigation if he should be mind to go Apprentice to any trade let him & my
Will is that my Executors put out to Interest at Compound Interest money
when arrive at age of Twenty one years that my Executor shall pay Spedding Brom
well the above Sum & Interest Item my Will is that my Executor may put William Bromwell
my youngest Son to School and have him good Learning my Will is that my Executor shall put out
Nine hundred Pound Current with good Security & my Will is that Sam of one Hundred Pound
& the Interest be paid to William Bromwell at the age of Twenty one years Item my Will is that
if Thomas Sunshine the Smith shall do his Endeavour to learn Edward Bromwell the Trade
of a Smith that he shall not have any Time for it not pay my Will notwithstanding all
this upon my Will is that they shall have them Item my Will is that if she can prevail
on old Robert to keep the mill for her that she shall have the Profits during her life in
case she don't marry but if she should as said Before Item I give & bequeath unto Edward
Bromwell the Shop & Tools that Thomas now works in if he should take any care & industry
to get his Bread that my Executor may buy him a good Smith but if he should make
no Bound with my Executor may take Shop & Tools & make the Best of them I give and
bequeath unto Edward Bromwell all the Rights of some Lands which believe to be
Gd in Dorset County on Cabin Creek some at the Head of said Creek or Branch
Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Jacob Bromwell & his male Heirs of his Body this
Part of Tract of Land called Anderton only such part as I shall say so for
John Bromwell that John Bromwell is to have the orchard & that of the Liberty
Tobacco Bills taken to the Tobacco Ground that John shall have that right Road
to that Spring that goes from the Barn to the Spring of that Land & John Dillaway
lives on & my Will is that if David Robertson should be as good as his word about
that Land of Burkett Sharp & Robertson should let Jacob have the Land then
my Will is that John shall have all Winterwell & if Jacob should not get that Land
from Sharp that Jacob is to use of Fire wood out of Winterwell to bring to Town and
that Jacob Bromwell is to have all the Rent of Land lying on the North side of
the Road to Land Item my Will is that John Bromwell shall have that small
Piece as I said down before for a small Pasture & all at John Kelly & the
Timber to be reserved between them & my Will is that Jacob Bromwell shall have
my great Flatt Item I give & bequeath unto John Bromwell & his male Heirs one
Negro man named Jack Item I give & bequeath to Son Wm Bromwell a Negro
Boy named Lewy Item my Will is that if my Wife shall stand to my Will which
I hope she will my Will is that she shall have a Lombo to work for her as long as she
lives that is if the Fellow lives that is in case she don't marry but if she
should marry then the Fellow is no negro nor any thing at all Item my Will is that
the Book Debts be tried for to the utmost to be got in Thirdly & Lastly I Knowledge
this to be my Last Will & Testament the Day and year above written as Witness my
Hand and seal
Witness Thos Morgan Mr Wampshire

Jacob Bromwell Seal