heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will & testament & that he saw the
testator William Jonathan Thomas sign the same as an evidence to the said will in the
presence of the testator at his request — affirmed & sworn before
Rand Cecil — William Young Deputy Commissary Baltimore County

In the Name of God Amen I Richard Cooper being sick & weak of Body but of perfect
mind & memory blessed be God make this my last will & testament & manner and form following
that is to say First I give and bequeath my soul to God who made it Secondly my Body to the
earth to be buried at the discretion of my friends Item I give & bequeath to the heirs
of my Daughter Indy Cooper one shilling sterling & no more Item I give & bequeath
to my Daughter Teresa Spriggs one shilling sterling & no more Item I give & bequeath
to the heirs of my Daughter Monica Simms one shilling sterling & no more —
Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Susannah Nelson one shilling sterling & no more Item I give
& bequeath to my well beloved Son Thomas Cooper the Dwelling Plantation whereon I now live with
all the Improvements thereon and that Part of Land adjoining called Cooper's Addition after
his mother's Death and not before and he hereby gives all my Land which I hold & possess at
the head of Clements Bay to him the said Thomas Cooper upon condition he will make over
that parcel or Part of Land which he made Thomas Cooper left him to his Brother
Richard Cooper but if Thomas Cooper refuses to make over the said Land to his Brother
Richard Cooper & his heirs forever then my will is that my Son Richard Cooper may have
& possess all that parcel of Land at the head of Clements Bay with all the Improvements thereon
which I give to the said Richard Cooper & his heirs forever but if Thomas make over the
Land to Richard Cooper as is above mentioned then I give the above mentioned Land to Thomas
Cooper & his heirs forever I do hereby give one Feather Bed & bedding two cows and one Pewter
Dish and three Plates and two head of Sheep & five head of Hogs & my riding Horse
and three thousand Pounds of Tobacco to make Satisfaction for the Part of my Land
I do hereby give to my said Son Thomas Cooper one negro girl called Peggy Item I give and
Bequeath to my well beloved Son Richard Cooper that part or parcel of Land lying at
the head of Mutton Bay called or known by the name of Copewell containing twenty five
acres to him and his heirs forever I do hereby give one Feather Bed & two cows and one Dish & three
Plates and two head of Sheep and five head of hogs and I do hereby give one negro boy called
Jack and five Pounds sterling & one thousand Pounds of Tobacco to him the said Richard
Cooper Item I give & bequeath to my well beloved Son Clement Cooper a tract of Land
called or known by the Name of Spightfull containing one hundred & eighty acres to him & his
heirs forever I do hereby give one negro boy called Jacob & one Feather Bed & two cows and one
Dish & three Plates & two head of Sheep & five head of Hogs & one Thousand Pounds of Tobacco
& my Broad cloth Coat Item I give & bequeath to my Son Richard Cooper my Fine cloth
coat & my new Jacket Item I give & bequeath to Ignatius Thompson my old White Coat & my
brown Jacket & one Chest Item I give & bequeath to my three sons a Chair & my best
oval Table & my old Dish to be equally Divided between them Item I give & bequeath
to my well Beloved Daughters Elizabeth Cooper Elinor Cooper & Henrietta Cooper
Catharine Cooper & two negroes known by the names of Ned and Jane & Jane & George they

Now I mean & I do bequeath to be equally Divided between the above mentioned Girls
I do hereby give eight Chairs & one Bed & Furniture Sufficient for the Beds to be equally Divided
between the said Girls I do hereby give Twenty head of Hogs & Ten head of Sheep &
Sixteen head of Cattle to be equally Divided between the said Girls Item I give and
Bequeath Twenty five Shillings to that Poor that burns me Item I give & bequeath
to my Executor hereinafter mentioned a negro man known by the name of
William under the care & Direction but my will is that my Daughter Susannah Nelson
may have the Advantage of the said negro during her natural Life or to her
heirs her Children to have the Advantage of the said negro Will Item I give and
Bequeath all the Rest & residue of my Estate real & personal Goods & both Debts Due to me Land & Chattels
& Loving Wife Elizabeth Cooper and David Clements I do constitute & appoint my dearest & Loving Wife
Elizabeth Cooper & my Son Thomas Cooper & my Friend & Friendly Friend to be my Executors
of this my last will & Testament & do hereby revoke all other Wills & Testaments made by me
either Nuncupative or Written in Witness whereof I have set my hand & affixed my seal this 29th
day of January anno Domini 1788 — The Word in the fifth Paragraph between the
tenth & twelfth lines which is thus (one) was interlined before
signing & delivered signed sealed
and delivered in presence of us — Richard Cooper (Seal)
Robert Cole, Benjamin Gresty, Ignatius Mattingly — At the foot of the foregoing Will was wrote the
following Probate Viz
Ignatius his mark I Mattingly — Saint Mary's County, Sct. August 30th 1788 Then
Robert Cole his mark, Benjamin Gresty & Ignatius Mattingly the subscribing Witnesses to the
aforegoing Will being duly & solemnly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God
Depose and say that they saw the Testator Richard Cooper sign the foregoing Will
and 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 same
Will in the presence of the said Testator at his request — Sworn to before me
Thomas Disquith Jr. Commy of Saint Mary's County
The day & year aforesaid the Deceased's Widow made her election & stands to the Will
Rand 20 fees — Entered by me — Ths Disquith Deputy Commissary St Mary's County

In the Name of God Amen I Edward Howden of Saint Inigoes Parish in Saint Mary's
County being in sound Health & perfect memory Blessed be God therefore Do this
first Day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred & ninety
& seven make & Publish this my last will & Testament in manner & form following
That is to say Commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me
& my Body to the Earth from whence it came in hopes of a Joyfull Resurrection through
the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ & as for that worldly Estate wherewith it hath
pleased Almighty God to bless me with I dispose thereof as follows First I give to my
Son Edward Howden all that Tract or parcel of Land where I now live
being in Resurrection manner & Part of Beech neck containing two hundred
& sixty acres according to the Deed to him & his heirs forever Secondly I give to my