and Justly all recommend my Soul unto the hands of God that gave it & as for my Body I commit it to the Earth to be Buryed in a Christian like decent manner at the Discretion of my Executor nothing Doubting but at the general Resurrection at the last Day I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God & as touching such worldly Estate it hath pleased almighty God to Bless me with in this life I do give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form Imp.d I give & Bequeath to my well beloved Son John Cooper all that Tract or parcel of Land being a part of Watsons Purchase lying in Charles County aforesaid to him & his heirs forever Item I give & Bequeath to my well beloved Son Joseph Kingsby Cooper a bow & half & a Feather Bed & furniture the half of my working Tools & half what hogs I now have & the half of all my Household goods & moveables not before mentioned Item I give & Bequeath to my well Beloved Son John Cooper aforesaid one Dark Bay mare & the half of my working Tools & half what hogs I now have & the half of all my Household goods & moveables not before mentioned Item I do hereby make nominate constitute & appoint my Trusty & well Beloved Brother Gerrard Cooper sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament and Guardian of my two Sons aforesaid till they shall arrive at the age of eighteen years at which time it is my Request & Desire they shall each be paid their several parts aforementioned & I do hereby utterly disallow Revoke & Disannul every other former Wills & Testaments Requests & Executors by me any Time before made Willed & Bequeathed Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this day & year first written

Signed Sealed published Pronounced & declared by the said William Cooper the testator as his last Will & Testament in presence of us the subscribers Elisha Dutton Jr. At the foot of the foregoing Will was the following Probat viz. Thos. Hebeard Charles County sct 23 July 1754 Elisha Dutton Thomas Rufford W. Freeman William Freeman the Witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly & solemnly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God did depose & say the Testator William Cooper signed & sealed the said Will & heard him Publish and declare the same to be his last Will & Testament & that at the time of his so doing was to the best of their apprehensions of sound & disposing mind & memory & that they severally subscribed their respective names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the Testator & at his Request

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In the Name of God Amen I William Coutts of Charles County in the province of Maryland being weak in Body but of sound & disposing mind & memory do make ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following Imp.s I give & Bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Coutts one negro man called Carpenter Jack one negro man named Cassy one negro Boy named Matthew one negro woman named Moll one negro woman named Hannah one old mulatto woman named Nan one negro woman named Sarah one negro Girl called Nancy & one negro Boy named Dick to her & her heirs forever Item I also give & Bequeath to my said wife expected part of all my land on Potomack to the Lords, so as to include my Dwelling House & Plantation wherein I now live for & during her life

Item I give & Bequeath to my Son Robert Coutts one Negro man named Jeffry one Ditto named Tom one negro woman named Nan & her two children named Molly & Phebe one negro woman named Peg one negro woman named Lucy one negro man named Bingo one negro Boy named Will & my Will & Desire is that my said Son Robert have my negro man Jack after the death of Mrs. Frances Plant & my negro man named Mark after the death of my Sister Mathias Wilson Mrs. Elizabeth Coutts which said negroes I give to him & his heirs forever And I also give & Bequeath to my said Son John all my Lands on Potomack to him his heirs & assigns forever my Wife to enjoy the one third Part thereof to be laid off in manner & form mentioned for & during her natural life Item I give & Bequeath to my Son William Coutts one negro woman named Patt & her two children named Jack & Kate one negro Boy named George one negro Boy called Isaac to him his heirs forever I also give & Bequeath to my said Son William Coutts all my Tract of Land on Wicomico being part of Wicomico Fields to him & his heirs forever Item I give & Bequeath to my Son Richard Coutts one negro woman named Kate & her three children named Tom Ned & James one negro Boy named Harry & one negro Girl named Patt to him & his heirs forever Item my will & desire is that my Beloved wife Elizabeth Coutts have one third part of the Net of my personal Estate not before bequeathed except my stock of Cattle & Horses which I desire she may have one half of & the Net & Residue of my Personal Estate my will & Desire is shall be equally Devided Between my three Sons John William & Richard Coutts Item my will & desire is that my Son John Coutts do upon his arriving to the age of twenty years make over by good & sufficient Deeds in law to my Son William Coutts his heirs & assigns all the right & title of the Tract of Land which I have Bequeathed to my Son William Coutts called Wicomico Fields & in case my said Son John Coutts should refuse or delay to do the same six months after his arriving to the age aforesaid then I do not that he have any of the Negroes & Personal Estate before & hereby Bequeathed but that the said Negroes & Personal Estate & every part thereof to be given & Bequeathed shall go to my Son William Coutts & his heirs forever Item I make the three negroes in Virginia which I claim in my own my Wifes name & for which suit is now Brought in the name of Mr. Mason & brought at the Instance against a Certain Andrew Monroe of Prince George County for any part of them with their Profits & Increase which may be recovered in any Time being my Will then & desire is, that such negroes & that Right as may happen to be recovered after the Costs & Expenses of suit are discharged of any nature shall be divided equally between my said Wife Elizabeth Coutts & my three Sons John William & Richard Coutts in such a manner that one third Part of them all shall belong to her & the Remaining two thirds be disposed of equally among them - Lastly I do hereby ordain constitute & appoint my Beloved Wife Elizabeth Coutts & my Brother Robert Hanly Coutts of Charles County & Province Joint Executors of this my last Will & Testament hereby Revoking & making void all former Wills heretofore by me made & declaring this only to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 17th day of August in the year of our Lord God Seventeen hundred and Fifty eight

Signed Sealed published & declared in the presence of the following persons

William Coutts (seal)