In the Name of God Amen. I Edward Dorsey

of the City of Annapolis Attorney at Law being about to take a Journey to the North ward for the benefit of my health do for the Setling of my Worldly affairs make this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following.

Imp. I give and devise to my dear wife all my houses & Lotts in the City of Annapolis and my Land Near Annapolis called Dorsey during her natural Life

Item I give & bequeath to my said Wife all my Negroes Cattle horses & Sheep & all my Plate & household furniture & all other my Goods & Chattles which shall be at the Time of my decease Either in Annapolis or on my Plantation called Dorsey Except my ready Cash I may have by me at the Time of my Death and my Law books & my Books Papers & desks for holding the said Papers & Books. I also give to my said Wife an Annuity of one hundred & fifty Pounds Sterling to be paid her by my Executor hereafter mentioned annually during her natural Life the first Payment to be made at the End of twelve Months after my decease & my will is that the above devise & bequest to my wife shall be accepted by her in full Satisfaction of her dower of my real Estate & a third part of my Personal Estate.

Item I give to my Sister Sophia Keugh the Plantation she now lives on during her natural Life

Item I give to my Nephew Bazil Dorsey all my Law Books

Item I give & devise all the rest of my Lands & all my real Estate of what nature or kind soever to my two daughters Henrietta Maria Dorsey & Elenor Dorsey & their heirs for ever Equally to be devided between them to hold as Tenants in common ~~[illegible]~~ I also give all the rest & residue of my Personal Estate as well what is due & owing to me by any kind of Security or on any account as what I am possessed of to my said two Daughters but if it should so happen that my wife at the time of my Death should be encient with a son & such Child should be born alive or if it should happen that I should have a son Living at the Time of my death then & in such Case I do revoke the devise of my real & Personal Estate to my said Daughters and give & devise my said whole Real & Personal Estate to such Son & his heirs for ever Subject & Chargable with the Payment of Twelve hundred Pounds Sterling to each of my

Daughters at their respective ages of Twenty one years or day of Marriage which shall first happen with an Interest thereon of six Pounds Centum p^r Annum for their Maintenance & Education & if it should happen that my wife at the Time of my Death should be encient with a daughter & such Child shall be born alive & if it should happen that I should have another Daughter living at the Time of my death and no Son then & in such Case it is my will & desire that my whole Real & Personal Estate aforesaid be equally divided between my three daughters & their heirs & if it should happen that Either of my Children should die before her or she arrives to the age of Twenty one years or be married then my will & desire is that such part of my Personal Estate as is by this my will given to such Child shall together with the profit thereof if any made over & above the Maintenance of such Child be equally divided among my surviving Children & if only one then to such Surviving Child.

Item I nominate Constitute & appoint my Brother Richard Dorsey Executor of this my last Will & Testament & Guardian of my Children & Trustee of their Estates & in full Confidence that my said Brother will manage my Estate in every respect with the same Care & frugality as his own I give him in lieu of all Commission he may be intitled as my Executor & for his Care & Trouble in the administration of my Estate & for the Trouble he will have in the Managment of it during the minority of my Children & each of them over & above all his Expences & other Sums of Money he may be obliged to pay others the Sum of fifty Pounds Sterling Annum

Item It is my firm mind & I have now desire that my Estate shall be ordered and disposed of agreeable to my Last Will and that my Will shall not be controuled by the Testamentary Laws of this province and to that End and Purpose I desire that my Executor may not be compelled to give any other Bond on his taking out Letters Testamentary on my Estate than such as will make him & his Securities Liable to pay all the debts I may owe at the Time of my decease & what fees may be by Law due on the Adm^n of my Estate Any further will & desire is that no Inventory or appraisement of my Personal Estate or List of debts due to me be returned into any Publick office.

Item I do order & direct that all my real & Personal Estate given & devised to my Children be and remain under the Care & management of my Exec^r at the usque & for the use of my said Children until they shall respectively arrive to the age of Twenty one Years or day of Marriage which shall first happen