In the Name of God Amen the thirtieth Day of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Fifty two I James Vinson of Dorchester County in the province of Maryland Gentleman being very sick and Weak in Body but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given unto God for the same and Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is Appointed for all men once to Die do Make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say Principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that Gave it and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buryed in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God And as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give Devise and Dispose of the same in manner and form following that is to say In the First place I give and bequeath to I give to my Wife beloved Son Brust Vinson One Shilling Sterling Also I give to my Well beloved Son Eliab Vinson whom I likewise constitute make and Ordain my only and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament Item I leave my Lands to be equally divided between my five Children Eliab Vinson James Vinson Daniel Vinson Bashoba Vinson and Celia Vinson Item I likewise leave to my well beloved Daughter Bashoba three Cow and one Heifer Yearling Item I likewise leave to my Well beloved Daughter Celia Two Cow and One Heifer Item leave to my Daughter Mary Morris a Bed of three pounds price after my Debts and lawfull Demands is paid I leave the Rest of my Movables Estate to be equally Divided between Eliab Vinson James Vinson Bashoba and Celia Vinson And In Witness of the same I have hereunto Set my hand and affixed my Seal the Day and Year above written

his
James ⌇ Vinson
mark

Signed Seald and Delivered
in the Presence of us
Waitman Goslen
William Harrington
James Vinson Junr.

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was the following

Probate Viz.

On the 29th March Ann: Dom: 1762 Waitman Goslen William Harrington two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will being Duly and Solemnly Sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Deposed and Say that they saw the Testator James Vinson 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 together with James Vinson Junr. the other Subscribing Witness Severally Subscribed their Names as Witnesses to the aforesaid Will in the Presence of the Testator and at his request

Certified p James Auld Deputy
Commissary Dorchester County

In the Name of God Amen I Henry Brooks being in a poor State of health but of Sound mind and Memory And Calling to mind the Uncertainty of this Transitory life do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form as followeth First of all I give and bequeath to my Daughter Arramenta one Negro Boy named Tom to her and her heirs forever Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Hannah One Negro Girl named Rachel to her and her heirs forever Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Sophia One Negro Girl named Dinah to her and her heirs forever Item I Give and bequeath unto my aforesaid three Daughters three hundred pounds which Money my Will is to be put to use And that both Principal and Interest is to be equally Divided amongst them as they should Arrive of Age Item I Give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Sarah my now Dwelling Plantation and also all my Lands thereto Adjoining and every part thereof during her Natural life Item I Give to my beloved Daughters Arramenta, Hannah, and Sophia all my Land after my Wifes Decease to be equally divided amongst them to them and their heirs forever My Will and Desire is that my loving Wife shall have the bringing up my aforesaid Children she Educating them after the manner of the People Called Quakers But in Case my Wife should die before my aforesaid Children should come of Age my Will and desire is that Friends belonging to Cecil Meeting should have the Educating of my aforesaid Children and to have the Care of their Estates till they should Arrive of Age Item the Remainder part of my Estate my Will is that my loving Wife should have during her life time and after her Decease to be equally divided between my aforesaid Daughters Namely Arramenta, Hannah and Sophiah to them and their heirs forever Lastly I Ordain and Appoint my loving Wife Sarah Brooks Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Revoking all former Will whatsoever heretofore by me made and Confirming only this In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 27th Day of third Month Commonly Called March in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred Sixty and two

Henry Brooks

Signed Seald published and Declared
by the said Henry Brooks as his last
Will and Testament in the Presence of us
John Marchi
Henry Bodien
James Findley

Kent ss. On the Sixth Day of May 1762 John Marchi and James Findley being Sworn on the Holy Evangels and Henry Bodien being one of the People Called Quakers on his Solemn Affirmation do severally say that they were present and did see the Testator Henry Brooks Sign and Seal the within Instrument of Writting and at the same time did hear him publish and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the same time he was to the best of their Judgment of a Sound Disposing mind and Memory and that they did Subscribe their Names as Evidences thereto in the Presence and at the request of the Testator and in the Presence of each other

Sworn and Affirmed Before Me Hands Depty
Commissary Kent County