Maryland ss

In the Name of God Amen I William Sly Senr of Calvert County Planter being Sick & Weak in Body but of sound mind memory and understanding do make & ordain this my last will and testament in manner & form following viz. I will my Soul to Almighty God who gave it me and my Body to be Buried in a Christian manner at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named ——

Item. I give and bequeath to my dear Children namely. Elizabeth, Ann, Willy, William & Jonathan Sly all that part of my Estate which I have of Late given them by a Deed of Gift ——

Item. I give and bequeath the remaining Part of my Estate to be equally devided amongst all my Children after my wife Ellenor takes one Third part

Item. I Leave my nephew Wm Sly my whole and Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament Revoking all former wills and in case my Executor above mentioned should die before my Children arrive at their proper ages my will and desire is that Doctor Leonard Holyday and John Brooke should have the management of my Children in witness whereof I have hereunto affixt my Hand and Seal this 12 day of November 1766 ——

Signed Sealed & Delivered in Presents of. Sabrett his + mark Card

William his Sly mark Senr (seal)

John his + mark Sly — Jno: Brooke

Calvert County to wit. It is to be Remembered that on the ninth day of December in the year of our Lord Christ Seventeen Hundred and sixty six at the County aforesd John Sly and John Brooke two of the Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will made oath on the Holy Evangels of almighty God that they were Present and did see the deceased William Slye sign Seal publish and declare the said will to be his last will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the very best of their Several apprehensions of sound and disposing mind & memory & that they the said John Slye and John Brooke at the request of the Testator did Severally Subscribe their names or marks as witnesses to the same will together with Sabrett Card the other Subscribing witness to the same will in the Presence of each other ——

Ut vat Coram me die & anno supra dicto ——

Ellis Slater Dep. Comy Genl

I further Certify to the Honble Chas Goldsborough Esqr Comdy General and Judge for Probat of wills within the Province of Maryland that on the day of the Date of the above Probat Eleanor the relict of the above named William Slye appeared before me the Subscriber & in most vehement Expressions declared that she Protested against the above mentioned will or any other writing therein mentioned and that she would be no other ways satisfied then what the (Law)