Talbot County ss. In the Name of God I William Thomas of the County aforesaid being Sick and Weak but by the Blessing of God of Sound Mind and Memory do this Ninth Day of April in the year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Sixty Seven make and Publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say —

Imprimis. I give and Devise unto my Eldest Son John Allen Thomas and his Heirs all that part of a Tract of Land called Cottingham lying in Talbot County on Saint Michaels River which I bought of Samuel Chew and Geoffry Horny, on Condition that my said Son do and shall pay to my Executor hereafter named in twelve Month after the Day of my Decease the Sum of Fifty Pounds in Dollars at Seven Shillings and Six pence ₰ Dollar to be applyed by my said Executor to the Payment and Discharge of my Just Debts and in Case my said Son shall refuse or Neglect to pay to my Executor the said fifty Pounds in manner afores. then I give and Devise the Land aforesaid to my Son Nicholas and his Heirs I likewise give to my Son John Allen Thomas three Negro Slaves namely Great Joe, Cate and Abbs together with all the Horses and Stock of all kinds, Plantation Tools and Utencils, Houshold Furniture and every thing belonging to one which are upon the Plantation and in the House at St. Michaels River where my said Son Allen lately dwelt

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Item. I give and Devise unto my Son James Thomas and his Heirs all that part of my Lands called Anderton and Andertons Addition which is contained within the following meets and Bounds to wit Beginning at a marked Beach being the second Bounded Tree of Anderton and Running from thence down Third haven Creek by and with the said Creek to a Large Hallow Poplar which Stands by the Side of a Marsh near the end of a Ditch cut by Mrs Lowe, from (the)

the said Poplar to the end of the said Ditch and with the said Ditch and the Course thereof to the Land bought by Jacob Bromwell of Henry Lowe and from thence with the Courses of the said Anderton and Andertons Addition to the first said marked Beach I say I give and Devise the said part of Anderton and Andertons Addition to my said Son James and the Heirs of his Body and in Case of Failure of such Heirs I give and Devise the Same to my son Nicholas and his Heirs. I also give and bequeath unto my said Son James Six Negro Slaves namely Tom Potts, Saul, Esther, Henry Jacob and Peter — Item. I give and devise to my Son William and his Heirs all the remaining part of my Lands called Anderton and Anderton Addition, that is to say all that part of the said Lands which lieth to the South and South West of the Ditch cut by Mrs Lowe and the Course thereof Continued to the Land bought by Jacob Bromwell of Henry Lowe which Ditch and Course is the Division between the part hereby given to him and the Part given to my Son James. I say I give and devise the said Part of Anderton and Andertons Addition to my said Son William and his Heirs on Condition that he the said William do and shall pay unto my Executor hereafter mentioned in twelve Months after the Day of my Decease the Sum of Sixty Pounds in Dollars at Seven Shillings and Six pence ₰ Dollar to be applyed by my Executor to the Payment and Discharge of my just Debts —

Item. I give and Devise to my said Son William and his Heirs all that Tract of Land called Judiths Garden lying on Island Creek in Talbot County which I bought of John Pattison I likewise give and bequeath to my said Son William one Negro Man called Ned, my Large new Silver Tankard four Cows and Calves and ten Ews and Lambs — Item I give and bequeath to my Son Nicholas five Negro Slaves namely, Morris, Preston, Ben, Rachel, and Flora. Item. Whereas it was Agreed and Settled before my Marriage with my beloved Wife Margaret what part of my Estate She is to have and enjoy for her Dower after my Decease as by an Instrument of Writing Executed between us, may appear, and Whereas my Will and Desire is (that)