Husbands Will wherein you will Observe I am appointed Sole Executrix &c as I am not able to go thro' the Business of an Executor &c as I my Brother is willing to do it for me, I shall be much Obliged to you to let him take out Letters of Administration, on his giving you Security, your Compliance with the above request will much Oblige. Your very Humble Servt.

February 5th 1769 — Elizabeth Page

To Mr. George Scott Esq.

This — Thos. T. Wheightt witness

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In the Name of God Amen I Panter Sawes of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland being very sick and weak but of perfect mind memory & understanding and Considering it is ordained for all Men Once to dye do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following Viz.t 1st. It is my Will & desire that all my Just & Lawful Debtes Paid and Complyed with. 2dly I Leave to my beloved Wife Mary Sawes the use of my Plantation whereon I now live during her Natural Life or Widdowhood, Likewise Old Bobo, Hannah, Sip, and Dinah I leave to my said Wife during her Natural Life or Widdowhood. 3dly I Give and bequeath to my son William Sawes One hundred Acres of Land lying in little Creek Neck to him and his Heirs for ever. 4thly I give and bequeath to my son Gilbert Sawes One Negro Boy named Prince to him and his Heirs for ever. 5thly I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Sawes one Negro Boy named James to him and his Heirs for ever. 6thly All the remaining part of my Estate after my Wifes thirds is taken out to be Equally divided amongst my Children John Sawes Nanney Sawes, William Sawes, Betty Sawes, Gilbert Sawes and Thomas Sawes and their Heirs for ever, Likewise I do Constitute and appoint my Loving Wife &c. of this my Last Will & Testam.t disannulling and making Void all former Wills heretofore by me made either in word or Writing In Testimony whereof I have to these Presents set my hand & Seal affixed this 20th. Day of January Anno Dom. 1769

(Signed)

Signed Sealed pronounced & Declared this to be my Last Will and Testament in the Presence of — } Panter his ✗ mark Sawes (Seal)

Levin Dashiell
Benjamin Sofser
William Waller

On the Back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.t On the 5th Day April 1769. Came Levin Dashiell and made Oath on the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God that the within Instrument of Writing is the true and only Will and Testament of Panter Sawes Late of Somerset County Deceased that hath come to his Hands Possession or Knowledge and that he did not know or ever heard of any other.

Sworn before Thos. Holbrook Depty Comry of Somerset County

On the fifth day of April One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty nine Came Levin Dashiell Benjamin Sofser and William Waller the three Subscribing Witnesses and made Oath on the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God that they did see the Testator Panter Sawes Sign and Seal the aforegoing Will and heard him publish pronounce and Declare the Same to be his Last Will and Testament and that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of each of their apprehensions of a Sound disposing mind memory and Understanding and that they Subscribed their names as Witnesses to the said Will in the presence of the said Testator. Sworn before Thos. Holbrook Depty Comry of Somerset County

On the 5th Day of April 1769 Personally appeared Mary Sawes Widow of Panter Sawes and made her Election to the within Will and refused to abide by the said Will or any part thereof but desired to have her thirds both of the Real and personal Estate Agreeable to an Act of Assembly in such Cases made and Provided.

Made before Thos. Holbrook Depty Comry of Somerset County

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In the Name of God Amen This twenty first Day of February One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Six I William Relph of Somerset County and Province of Maryland Planter being in good Health and of perfect Sense and

(memory)